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No. 291. C.O L P O R T E U R ' S C O M M I S S I O N

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, That SHELDON JACKSON, is hereby Commissioned as a Colporteur of the PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF PUBLICATION, for the term of four months, at the expiration of which time this Commission becomes null and void, and a new Commission must be obtained if he continues in the service of the Board. His field of labour is to be --------- Montgomery & Schenectady Co's. New York.

May the great head of the Church imbue him with all needful wisdom for this important department of usefulness, and abundantly prosper his efforts.

Given at the House of the Board of Publication No.265 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, this 7th day of April, A. D. 1856.

William E. Schenck,
Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Publication.

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Philadelphia, May 18th,1857.

This certifies that Mr. Sheldon Jackson, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Albany, has been duly appointed to act as an Agent of the American Systematic Beneficence Society, located in this City. The object of his mission is to present the cause of Systematic Beneficence by addresses to public assemblies, by holding conferences with Pastors of Churches, and other friends of Scriptural Liberality, and by such proper additional methods as may be most feasible. He is also hereby authorized to receive any monies which may be contributed to aid the objects of this Society, and to transmit the same to the Treasurer.

We therefore commend him to the kind attentions and Christian confidence of those to whom these presents may come.

In behalf of the Society-

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Schenectady 28 March 18

Rev. Wm. Jackson

Dear Sir

I am happy to hear from you, and to know that you are so busily & hopefully occupied in the good cause. Your position is evidently a very promising one, and work done there must & (by the Divine blessing) will reach far & last in its results long. Be of good cheer. He hath said "Lo, I am with you always" what a promise! and the "always" in it how encouraging it is, and what a resource in every time of our need. Doubtless you have had much of the comfort of this word.

You may be sure that all your Brethren in this region will sympathize with you in your work, & will be glad to aid you in building &c. But the effort with our ministry is more & more for to properly be that our Churches shall do their work thro' "the Church Extension Committee." It may seem to bear hard in some such cases as yours, yet I am persuaded that we ought to educate our Churches this way, if we wish to get "Systematic Benevolence" in them. Still when you come this way we will be glad to see & hear you, & possibly some, who give little or nothing in the

regular war, may be let to aid you — My own personal means are much more than anticipated for the next year — I include a note (such as you request) of introduction to my brother, but he will probably be away when you pass thro' Baltimore

With kind regards to your wife, believe me affectionately

Yours J. T. Backus —

spoke — I also rec'd your recent letter in which you state that you are delegate to the "Genl assembly" with your father — we shall be glad to see you then, you & your's — tho' it is a matter of some doubt, if the Brooklyn Churches will afford you much "material aid" — You know the Old Sch ch go upon the plan to give our charity through

the Boards, &c & extension &c &c — Our Minister Rev Mr Van Dyke is very particular & perhaps a little "old fogy-ie" in this respect

However come on & see for yourself, Shall be happy to make you acquainted with Mr Van Dyke, you then can talk it up —

Mr Mathews was on this spring & made a vigorous effort for their feeble enterprise at Salisbury, & called on ~~all~~ many of the clergy with no success here in these parts, but he said he should try Dr Rice of Chicago & give him a strong pull.

You also noticed the action of the last Genl Assembly in respect to this very thing — The Western delegates at Indianapolis did not like Mr Van Dyks speech very well You likely saw it all in the "Presbyterian" —

New York 27 Mch 60.

Dear Sheldon,

I received a long interesting letter from you last fall, which I read with a great deal of comfort, read it to our Superintendent of the Sabbath School, & was in hopes that he could render you some assistance by way of those

Mine, he died South a few weeks since — a very promising young man — so they go — all will die —

H S

Henry Sheldon
Mich 1860

You are engaged in a glorious work there, fitting yourself for usefulness in the Ministry — that must be a very destitute region like most all new Territories — many deprivations — besides your crops seem to have failed you there so often —

I saw an account of your travels on the ice, Mississippi River, in the Presbyterian &c &c — Such accounts are interesting to us eastern denizens, many of whom know but very little of the hardships of the west, what you encounter & endure.

Make our kind regards to your good wife — shall be happy to see your family any time — write us often we are very much interested in your letters, even if I do not answer promptly

Affectly H. Sheldon

P.S.

Mrs Harriet E Candee, a half sister of mine, died on the 20th inst. Mr Candee is a brother of the Clergyman at Galesburg — they lived in N Y 114 Lexington avenue —

You doubtless remember Hay Green, an episcopal Clergyman, a son of Dr Green of Albany who married another half sister of

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Natchez Sept 18th 1860

Rev Sheldon Jackson
La Crescent - Minnesota

Dear Sir

Your favor of 22d ult has been received & as the object you present seems to be important, although not having a high claim here in comparison with others, I have secured such friends as I could conveniently & as the result have to day remitted to the Rev H A Coe Secy Board of Ch extension $200. & hope you may from other quarters realize the amount you need to accomplish your object.

I have known several of the name of Mercer but not recollecting the first names cannot now recall Mr W R Mercer & should be glad to have any information to enable me to do so.

Doctr Chase returned from the North about the time your Letter was received but fending the dengue epidemic here went immediately out of Town and I have not heard whether he received your Letter or not.

That the Lord may bless you in your labour, & that your small beginning may result in much good to the Church & the glory of God is the prayer of

Yours very respectfully
Thos Henderson

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Natchez Sept 19 1860 –

Rev Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir,

On my return from the North, last week, I received your favor of the 22d ultimo, asking aid in the erection of a house of worship in Minnesota. It always affords me pleasure to comply with such requests as far as in my power, and in this instance I fear my assistance will be peculiarly limited. I find the Season has been one of unprecedented drought – in most instances in this vicinity, causing an entire failure of Corn, and of course, almost destroying the Cotton, the only source of means for purchasing

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Corn. Last year, Corn was abundant in this region but nowhere so, this Season, so far as I am informed.

We are now in the midst of an epidemic, but thus far, seldom proving fatal. There are said to be probably not less than two hundred cases of Dengue now in this City. Four members of my family are afflicted with it at this time. Although not often fatal, the suffering from pain in all the bones, is generally very severe, continuing from two to five days, accompanied with pretty high fever. In such circumstances I am unable to make any effort in behalf of your very worthy object at present, and when I shall be better able to give it due attention is known only to Him, in whose hands are the silver and the gold as well as the cattle upon a thousand hills. Should I find it hereafter practicable to accomplish any thing of importance, in your behalf you may expect to hear from me again on the subject — Otherwise, be pleased to "take the will for the deed" and be assured it would give me an heigned pleasure to help you do any thing for the advancement of our Divine Masters Kingdom in that new and important portion of His vineyard. Praying that all your efforts for that end, may be crowned with His blessing

Fraternally Yours in X

Benj C Hasel

Rev R Strong 5.

Minneapolis, Minn.
Feb 25. 1861

My dear Jackson,

I am in no hurry whatever for the deed. Perhaps you had better keep it for me until I see you in the Spring. If you will make it secure, it is as well off in your hands for the present as in mine. I inclose my check on an Albany Bank for $50, drawn to your order.

As to the price of board here, I am in a boarding house paying $4 per week including fire & light. Summer board here will be from $3 to 3½ according to the room. In private families so far as I can learn, the price is $3. I do not remember Mr Shelton, but will be very glad to

to assist him in any way present
if he comes up. I do not think
he can find a pleasante place
than this, nor one more uniformly
healthy.

My church affairs continue also
the same. No increase of members.
I thank you for your good wishes &
prayers & am earnestly hoping for
may be effectual. God give you the
same blessing, & may your entrance
to your church building be crowned
with an abundant outpouring of the
Spirit.

Affec. yours

Robert Strong

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St Louis April 22nd 1861

Rev Sheldon Jackson
La Crescent Minn

My dear Brother

Your recent leaves Chicago from Aux Sables we have received special donations for you to the amount of $21. Although we have no information that you have begun a Church building at La Crescent in view of the uncertainty of the times we forward you herewith our check for the amount. The Check is on one of the best institutions in the Country the Boatmen's Saving Institution of this City.

We hope you do not need the money for your own Church allow me to say that the present financial condition of the Board consequent on the breaking out of war is such that it is not probable we shall be able to aid the Church at Sheldon of which Rev James Nottingham is pastor and you might do a good service to them and the Cause by turning over the money to them. Of course we can make no pledges now but I think the Board will not hesitate to aid your Church to the same amount if we are able to do so and you use this check for the benefit of the Sheldon Church. God have mercy on our poor bleeding Country. Please acknowledge

Yours in Christian love W. S. Cox Corresponding Secretary

Stanton, Sheldon & Co.,
81 FRONT STREET,
CHARLES STANTON,
HENRY SHELDON,
CHAS. McDOUGALL.

New York, April 22 1861

Dear Sheldon.

On the steamer Nashville en route for Charleston S.C, Mr Van Dyke handed me your letter of the 29 July. That was abt the 8th March. Only a few days ago I rec'd. your 11th inst. I wish I could help you. I would love to help you. Business is broken up & we are under heavy expenses. And now we are called upon for money to send off troops — New York you see is doing her duty nobly.

I sought to have answered your letters before, but I was absent South nearly a month, since which I have neglected you under the pressure of immediate calls.

I will hand your communication to the Superintendent of our Sabbath School. These applications are numerous, but I hope they will receive good heeds.

We are all well. Should be glad to see you & your's, with our warmest love we are yours

Very truly
H Sheldon.

COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Presbyterian Board of Publication,
821 Chestnut Street.

Philadelphia, Sept. 16, 1861.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
La Crescent, Minnesota.

Dear Bro: It gives me pleasure to tell you that the Sabbath School at Ballston Spa through Rev. David Tully their pastor, have sent to our Distribution Fund, ten dollars, with a request that we would furnish that amount to your Sabbath-School. In order to prevent your receiving such as you already have, I send you our catalogue. Please mark on it your selection to the value of ten dollars and send it to me with careful directions by what route we shall forward it.

When you receive the package please send an acknowledgment both to Bro. Tully and to me.

You will in a few days receive your October H. & F. Record. It will tell you how great is our need of money for Colportage. Cannot your church do a little to help us? But more especially I would solicit your help at the approaching meeting to stir up your Presbytery and your Synod to help us.

Very fraternally yours
W. E. Schenck.

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St Louis September 7th 1861

Rev Andrew Jackson
La Crescent Minn.

Dear Brother. Your favor of the 5th is today at hand and by the same mail came a letter from Mr. Cornell with a special donation of $10 for La Crescent Church which I herewith inclose in draft of Boyd & Co. upon Geo. Langdon & Co. for $10 on Mess. Hall & Co 230 F. St. New York. Find also find inclosed receipt for signature, and the usual minutes. I am sorry you have concluded to undertake the larger building requiring so much outside aid when so many churches are in perishing need and your church had already received a larger than usual proportion of outside aid. What the Board may be able to do I cannot say. The prospect is not encouraging at present.

The special donations of Lakeburg & the other churches will be credited as you & they desire.

I had prepared visiting the Synod of Miami this fall but so much work has come in that I cannot get off in time and must forego the pleasure.

May the Lord be with you and bless you in these troublous days

Yours fraternally

H. A. Coe

S. Minn. S.

Dunlap Iowa Sept 22nd 1890.

Rev. Hudson Archer — H. J. Coe

La Crescent Minn

Dear Brother. Absence from the City for some weeks caused by business has prevented an earlier reply to your favor of July 7th. Items laid before the Board yesterday. The five dollars contributed by your Church will be credited as a special donation as you desire.

As you have enough to build a house 30×30 the Board feel that they cannot in justice to others make a grant to La Crescent Church. It could only be done by withholding from others who would thereby be kept from having any home or lose one usually built. Moreover we experience that it is far better to build just large enough for present use with a view to enlarging as the Church grows than to build for the future. Towns are not likely to grow these times, and congregations will probably be diminished.

Godbless you. Yours fraternally H. J. Coe

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St Louis July 13th 1862

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Rev Shelby Jackson
La Crescent
Minn

Dear Brother Enclosed herewith please find $150 in US Treasury Notes in full payment of the appropriation of the Board to La Crescent Church Please return the receipt signed as requested.

Allow me to suggest the propriety of getting your house insured against fire these hard times

Rejoicing in your possession of a Sanctuary free from debt I remain Yours as ever

H. P. Cox
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Rev Robert Strong

Minneapolis, Minn.
Jan 7. 1862

My Dear Jackson

I am too much hurried this week to make more than a brief reply to your last, but so much I do willingly. I made my offer to you in good faith, and am very glad to be able to assure you that it will not embarass me, or even materially incommode me

I am glad that it comes in time to relieve you from your difficulty, and that you will be able to dedicate an unincumbered church in the Spring. I would like to be with you at that time but my term here does not expire till May

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As you give me the option of payment

as late as ~~March~~ April 1st I will send the money the first of March instead of February.

With best wishes for your success in both temporal & spiritual efforts for edification, believe me

Your sincere friend,

Robert Strong.

P.S. I am glad to hear that Roberts is supplied. It has been much on my mind ever since I started to go here

13. it just past & the day was one of more than ordinary interest. There has been some special religious interest of late & we united 22 - on the profession of their faith -
Charles Sheldon was among them, & trust he has been truly converted. -
Some gem of this on indulging hope, & my conn also that not communicants
We have a quiet time
[illegible] Pleasant [illegible] Sheldon

Amsterdam Jan 2, 1862

Brother Jackson

I have been intending for some time past to write you, but have not seemed to get time.

I must write briefly now. I am glad to hear that you have got into your church. I think you must enjoy it, I have no doubt that you will find increasing numbers attending upon the gospel. I hope the blessing of God will rest upon those who come under the sound of the gospel.

Miss Mary Brown says she has been redeeming a pledge which she made some two years ago. She has secured some friends money and purchased 40 yards of carpet & it is to be sent from Albany with the goods of some friend. So I suppose you will receive it before long.

Our communion

earnestly hope to hear from you of your safety & prosperity.

Remember us to Bro Flotwing & family when you see them. With kind regards to your wife — I remain — Yours fraternally

A. F. Goodell

P.S. You may have heard that Rev D. J. Cameron went into

Unknown 14.

Minneapolis, Minn
Nov 12/67.

My Dear Jackson,

I inclose to you a check (just rec'd) endorsed to your order for $37.50. It is my quarter's salary from the board, due last July. Please get it cashed, & send the proceeds, deducting your expenses, to Bro. Wells, without letting him know whose it comes from. This is in accordance with our conversation last September wh. you will doubtless remember. Please acknowledge receipt.

I am much obliged for your paper on missions. I will retain it a few weeks longer if you are not using it. I have no Eye^a of Missions. Have we as a church done anything heretofore among the Chippewas

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Sioux, or any of the tribes now hostile to us especially on the upper Missouri? Have the missions of other churches accomplished anything special among them. On these points if you have any fuller information, I would like it.

Do you hear anything from your cousin Sheldon now. He wrote to me from La Crescent when he was there engaging his room from Nov 1. He is very apt to lose it unless he writes to let some one know his whereabouts & his future movements, for the people here already feel that they have waited long enough, & yet they have not conscience to take him at his word & charge him for board & room when he is not here.

You must feel greatly encouraged by the large accession to your church. I received 2 by letter last communion, both from the N.S. church here (extinct). They have held off till now bec. we were not antislavery enough for them. But at last they conclude that there is not so much difference after all, & that if there is, it is subordinate to Christian sympathy & fellowship wh they need. I never try to convert such people. If they come willingly, they are readily passed in the mass. But if by hard persuasion, they stand aloof somewhat & are always ready to lat leaders or be the nucleus of an opposition. I can see this in 2 churches here. Our church members are very much opposed on this question, yet I believe we ignore the differences entirely in all ch. matters.

Please remember me to all my friends in La Crescent, & believe me

Sincerely your friend
Robert Strong.

New York Oct 15. 1864

Rev Sheldon Jackson
Rochester Minn.

Dear Bro.

Your esteemed favor of the 6th inst is at hand "My heart is touched" I thank you for the letter.

On reading it I at once determined to make an appeal by laying it before some of our ch members and this moment one of them who has means came in and he responded at once & a much higher sum than he is wont. God out min the contributor $50 and I cover it and enclose check for ~~$~~ one hundred dollars If in your judgment we can render more let me know and I will see others of our ch and send what I collect.

You will greatly oblige me by not making these things public. I have a great reluctance to be known by name in these acts

Yours truly
Wm E Dodge

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Rev Robert Thoms

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Minneapolis Minn
Jan 12. 1863

Dear Bro Jackson

Your letter of Nov 19 is at hand & has been for some time. Here is the answer delayed almost unavoidably. I inclose check for $100 ~~drawn~~ indorsed to the order of Bro. Wells. Please be the bearer of the good news to him. My uncle gives it cordially. ~~It will be~~ I promised him that he should hear from the recipient himself & receive an account of its appropriation. Please give Bro. Wells the hint.

N.B. If the amount has been already raised retain the check and advise me at once. Yours

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a part is needed for the church building. Let me know what urgent need can be supplied in the meantime.

Please excuse the brevity of the. I am fatigued with 2 weeks labor. Held nightly meetings last week. I trust with profit.

Communion Jan 4, added 4 by profession 5 by letter.

I rec'd a letter from Bro Mc some time ago which I hope to answer soon.

Yours in the gospel
Robert Strong.

P.S My uncle address is
Wm N. Strong.
Albany. N.Y.

Revd J. Jackson

New York Jan 31. 1863

Dear friend, I was made happy by the receipt of yours of 21 inst, in which you speak of the influence exerted upon many of the scholars by the receipt of the Bibles. Thanks to the Lord who condescends to work by instrumentalities so feeble & unlikely. I am reminded of the words of Inspiration Zech 4:6,7,10. The longer I am permitted to aid, in urging forward this good work for the rising generation, the more highly I prize it. I said Is. 65:8 I hope you will have encouragement to go on, being well aware that it requires great labor & perseverance to comply strictly with the conditions named; but ultimately those who are encouraged to earn the promised rewards, (Gen 29:20) will be great gainers & good "students of theology". There is no limit in regard to age whatever, & in some instances parents as well as children have received the promised rewards. I hope you will be able (by way of pleasing both of us) to induce every young person in your place to recite to you or some one else, the entire 2 pieces of Poetry of 4 verses each. I have special reasons for making that request. (If our lives are spared, James 4:15) I hope that during the year on which we have entered, it will be our privilege (for such it is more than our duty) by our united efforts, to reward many more in your place & neighborhood, for reciting the Catechism. "She hath done what she could"; said our Lord & Savior in commendation of one who gave unmistakeable evidence of her love for Him as "the Saviour of sinners". Happy shall we be in following her example. I ask for an interest in your prayers for myself in "great darkness", & past 72 years also in "tribulations".

Sincerely & truly Yours L. Brewster

L. Brewster

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No 30 Warren St
New York Feb 10 63

Rev Sheldon Jackson
My dear Sir

Through the kindness of Mrs Merrill I have seen your letter in reference to the enterprise at Brownsville. Your proposition was submitted to the teachers of the Sabbath School at its last meeting and was received with general approbation. The vote to appropriate a portion of the funds in our treasury to the completion of the Church building at Brownsville, show how much this will be [illegible]

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now say but expect it will be about $300. Before acting finally in the matter our teachers wish a little more information & I am instructed to enquire

1st Whether the sum named $300 will be sufficient to complete the same free from debt

2nd What amount of money has been already raised toward the building

3rd Does the $700 estimated cost include ground

4th Will the property be vested in a Board of Trustees who will hold it for the benefit of the church

These questions are asked simply because we wish to act intelligently in the matter. We wish our contribution to second to the Presbyterian Church and put it incumbent upon us requires, as the condition of our giving the proposed aid, that such safeguards shall be used as shall prevent the building from ever falling into the hands of the enemies of the Gospel. Assured of this we shall most cheerfully aid the enterprise and put it a privilege to assist in establishing a church to the Glory of God in Satins Stronghold.

We trust you will find time amid your numerous duties to reply soon. We shall be happy to hear anything from you in reference to your new enterprise or in regard to the progress of the work in your field of labor.

With Christian Sympathy I

Yours Sincerely
W. C. Spellman

St. Anthony Aug 27/64

Brother Jackson
Dear Friend
What come of Bro Platte on Mission? I have heard nothing since I saw you in New Ark. Is he coming or not. Bro. Strong left the papers in relation to support of Mission with me,

Congratulate you on success in raising $3500. for Church building. Good. Bro Bikel-dorfer has had trouble in his Church & is about trying to have the Pastoral relation dissolved, at a called meeting of Presbytery. It will likely be done. If so who will fill that place? I suppose

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stand Bro. W. to be determined
to press the question of dissolution. Mr Hammond
in St Paul now. Some in-
terest more than usual. He
will likely be at the Fair
in a few days. How does
Bro. Lyon succeed? How
you moved to Rochester?
I shall direct this to Lo-
-cresent lest it may reach
you. Is, ~~this~~ Bro Mills
still at Locresent?

Write me soon &
particulars

Yours Fraternally

James A. McK

Muscatine Iowa Jany 25/64

Dear Bro Jackson

Yours of the 19th is this day received. I send for your Commission and just as soon as some stock arrives which was shipped the last of December I will send the books you order. I am out of many things from the delay of stock on the road.

I rejoice to hear of your Bravonville enterprize and do feel a great interest ~~and~~ in it. I will do all I can to aid you. Just now I think of no one who would be likely to aid you with money. But I will bear the thing in mind and try to hunt up some one.

I would suggest that you make a statement, and an Appeal, over your own signature in the Presbyterian. If you do I will follow it with another. If you do not I will try to make some public use of the facts you have given me. With kindest regards to Br J. and yourself I am

Yrs in Christ
Charles Walker

CHARLES STANTON. HENRY SHELDON. CHARLES McDOUGALL. G. W. PRICHARD.

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STANTON, SHELDON & CO.,

WHOLESALE GROCERS.

No. 81 Front Street.

New York Jany 29. 1864

My Dr Sheldon. Yrs 21st inst is rec'd. It is always easy to make excuses I know. But I do know that I am exhausted on the money question. I am just pledged to a charity of $1250 so that it would be impossible now at least to respond to your 100 I would love to do. I have said NO 2 or 3 times within a few days — it is disagreeable to say so to you, but there is a necessity laid upon me for a while.

Our love to you & yours. Affly

H. Sheldon

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New York May 1st

Rev S Jackson

Dear Brother

Your letter in reference to the Enterprise at Brownville is at hand. I must be excused for not answering it before as I have been so much occupied with business that would admit of no delay. I am happy to inform you that we have succeeded in raising for you in and outside of the School (300) Three Hundred Dollars and am ready to forward it to you in my

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form you may wish
If you prefer a certificate
of deposit or a draft on
La Crosse let me know, or
you can draw on me at
any time after reasonable
notice. Some of our teachers
think we should have some
kind of a certificate from
the Board of Church
Extension or the Trustees
of convenient place forward
such certificate as you may
think proper

I regret that pressure
of business compels me to
make my letter brief. Must
not however forget to say
that the children are not
content to hear from you
annually but say you
must write every three
months at least. If you
have a Sunday School at
B let us hear from it.
If not we hope you will
start one soon We will send
some books if necessary
With earnest sympathy
for yourself & fellow laborers
in the work I remain
Yours Sincerely
W. C. Spencer

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H. K. Corning 23

216 Madison Av. L.Y.
Dec. 22nd. 1865.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

My dear Sir

I received your favour of the 1st. inst. and take note of your self denial, in appropriating for the church, the remittance I made you, for your own use. You are of course the best judge, but I feel that you could not well afford to do so, and I therefore enclose you another check, which please to divide equally, between yourself, and your associate, Mr. Amsden, for I feel persuaded, that at least to him, it will be acceptable. I have sent a copy of the Observer to each of you, which I hope is duly received. I trust that you are both much encouraged in your work, and remain

Yours very truly.

H. K. Corning

E. B. C. S

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1864?

I was exceedingly interested & touched by Mr. Jackson's statement last evening, & should be glad to have from him, now, or at some other time, the name of one of these very needy Ministers to whom a box would be acceptable, with the exact address, & some account of the number & size of chil-

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dren, &c. The enclosed
tiple is for the cause of
Christ in the North West

Janetta Alexander.

Monday, June 13th.

Galesburg, Ill. March 31, 1864

Rev. Duncan Kennedy, D.D.

Rev. and dear Bro.

I know that you and your church love to do good; and my object in now addressing you, is to help the texts of your benevolence a little, and with some of that good doing out of you.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson is one of our most laborious, self-denying and indefatigable missionaries in the far North West. He has probably done more, during the last few years, to plant the gospel and give it a strong foothold in Minnesota, than all the other ministers of our church in that region of the world.

There is one spot of signal importance and interest to our Zion in that Territory, where a church must be planted. It is Rochester, the largest town in the interior of the Ter. rapidly growing and becoming a place of business. It is from what I can learn, the key to the N.W. in that region.

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There they must and must have a church building. Mr. Jackson, whom I know well and can heartily recommend, writes to me asking me to commend him to some large hearted minister and church, where he would probably meet with a brotherly reception and be received kindly at least, whether they gave him any money or not.

Now, my dear Bro. if he goes to Troy will you not thus receive him, and for the Master's sake give him not only a kind reception (which my Scotch heart ca'nt help any how) but a few hundred dollars also.

Oh my dear Sir, you have no idea how some of these western laborers are toiling to build up the Master's all around us; nor can you have unless you come out and see, age and labor for a while side by side with them.

Mr. Jackson is acquainted with Mr. Goodwin who will corroborate my testimony concerning him. His Father is my right hand man in Galesburg, and we have done what we could for the object he has in view. He must have a church building in Rochester, and if the funds do not come from our Greater they must from another. I am persuaded that it is a matter so vital to the interests of religion and of Presbyterianism in all that region, that my interest in it is deeper than in any thing the Lord has come up for years. The nucleus of a church there will be the nucleus of nest egg of many a church organization far into the country back of it.

Excuse my earnestness my dear Sir. The matter is worth our thought.

My kind regards to Mrs. Kennedy & my friends in Mr. Vail's household.

A note would reach Mr. Jackson, directed to care of R. Carter & Bro's N. York City.

Very truly Your Bro. in X,

J. M. Coodee.

P.S. I am just recovering from a severe illness, and am obliged to use a quill pen, and write as it happens. A metal pen tires my wrist exceedingly.

26.

New York Jan 24 1865

Rev Sheldon Jackson
Rochester Minn.

Dear Bro

Your esteemed fav. of 15th inst. is just at hand.

Enclosed please find check for the amt you ask. i.e. fifty dollars

Let me congratulate you on your success by God's blessing on your labors in your church.

One of the marvels of the present day is how our missionaries in your vicinity manage to live on the pittance they rec. What is $150 towards a woman's support. May God bless the daughter

Yours truly
Wm R. Ramsay

JANUARY 5

Mrs Anna H Jaffray

37.

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New York Feb 17th 1860

Rev. & Mother Sister

Rev.d & Dear Sir,

I hope you will do me the favor to receive from a daughter of your friend, the Rev.d [illegible] Phillips, the inclosed sum of fifty dollars.

I am,

yours sincerely

Anna H. Jaffray.

147 Second Avenue.

Mrs Jackson

As we have not heard from you for some time, I thought I would like to hear how you are getting along, and where you are whether you are at the same place or not, I have had some papers ready to send to you for some time, but freight on goods is so high that we have not sent them,

We have been having meetings in church ever evening in the week, since the week of prayer, and I am enjoying them very much, I do willingly ask you to pray for me that I persevere in the the good work,

But I must close now with much love; your freend

Drillie B Fry

Wm R. Lanneway

29.

New York June 30. 1866

Rev Theodore Jackson
Rochester Maine.

Dear Sir

Your favor came duly to hand. A variety of causes has prevented an earlier response.

I note the contents of your letter as respects the diminution of the force with regret.

A speedy & with your wishes you wishes I called on one of our congregation who never refusing any applications and with his aid I am enabled to hand you a check for the amount you require.

How does our clerical

friend, whose daughter is at school, succeed in meeting his requirements. From the tenor of your letter respecting him I judge he has means of his own but if he is in straights again please let me know.

I take much pleasure in responding to your application and am glad of the channel opened thro' you by which I am brought into direct communication with the field

Yours truly
Wm R Thomas

New York Sep 3d 1866

Rev Theldon Jackson
Rochester Penna.

Dear Sir.

Your esteemed favor of 28th ult is at hand.

I am obliged to you for giving me the first refusal of the case you mention your Chapins daughter. That Uncle of hers is a noble fellow God bless and prosper him.

I will undertake to defray the tuition of the eldest daughter for the ensuing year including Music Piano provided she possesses decided musical taste and ability (not else) and German.

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Let her enter school as soon as you deem best.

As to her clothing, as that is out of my line perhaps I had better leave it to others especially as my views of female ~~attire~~ attire are rather old fied

You will please keep my agency in the matter private sending the bills to me as they be due one half of which I see is in advance

My enquiries about Ellen Brain's capacity and your answer seem directed of Providence to cover this interesting case

Yours truly
Wm R. Kinney,

Wm R. Janeway

32.

New York Oct 30 1866

Rev Sheldon Jackson
Rochester, Minna.

Dear Bro

Yours of 8th inst came duly to hand.

Enclosed please find check for eighty eight dollars in pay't of Mrs Chapins bill which please enclose

Your ch. building as per pho. is a tasteful edifice May it ever be filled with true worshipers.

Yours truly
Wm R. Janeway.

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W. R. Jameson

New York Dec 27/66

Rev Sheldon Jackson
Rochester Minn.

Dear Sir.

Next to my own pastor I feel an intimacy with you self in making known my needs and asking an interest in your prayers

I believe in prayer the prayer of the righteous many a time have I seen and see special answers

But now my business affairs are in perplexity and doubt We have been expanding our factory and it would appear just at a period of eminent embarrassment to the commercial world

Now it will turn out

I know not neither do
I know what is best for
me and mine In addition
to this my own spiritual state
is greatly hindered thro ner-
vous and depression which
gives double force to the
engrossing nature of wor-
ldly interests I suffer at times
greatly But I will not en-
large God knows all Do
lay my case before him
Pray for me If I am re-
deemed I desire to be
sanctified and made me
for the kingdom.
Pray that if it be best for
me and mine that I may
be brought thro any business
difficulties and his blessing
both temporal and spiritual
rest on me and mine
Yours truly
Mrs R. Lanneway

Walsh 34.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

Dear Sir,

As Mother is disabled from using her right hand for a short time she has commissioned me to write you and enclose a cheque for $58 which a few friends have united in contributing towards Miss Cha's wardrobe. Thinking that twenty five dollars was a very small sum to clothe a young lady for the winter Mother will also send a few garments which she hopes will be of use, but if they are not suitable for Miss C

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[illegible] hope, she trust, [illegible]
Jackson will dispose of [illegible]
in any way [illegible] the [illegible]
best. He will send the
[illegible] in the cause of a [illegible]
in Ireland. Mother desires
be kindly remembered [illegible]
to himself and to [illegible]
fellows.

I remain

Yours truly

C. B. [illegible]

Phila. 3rd [illegible] 1866

much to my concern stated that your health. & was failing, I trust not permanently May God spare you and continue you at your post.

In one of your former letters you incidentally stated that you had been very much crossed financially this I observed with pain at the time and now I have the pleasure of enclosing you a check for one hundred dollars which you will please appropriate for your own personall needs By and by I

New York Feb 11, 1863.

Dear Bro

Your esteemed favor of the 6th inst is at hand

Let me congratulate you on the result (thro grace) of your labors May the Lord add many more I take heartfelt interest in the mention made of Mary Chapin.

As to my self my health is wonderfully improved since about Jan 25th last I seem entirely well and I trust I may so continue the past experience warns me not to be too confident as I am subject to a biliary derangement which at its times is very sore and turns all God's blessings which thro' mercy have abounded towards me into wormwood

As to our financial grief it has lessened considerably and we believe that Providence will carry us thro.

Mr Dowell read a letter in S.S. which

Yours very sincerely
Wm. R. Jenkins

Rev Sheldon Jackson.
Rochester Minn.

W. R. Jenkins

36.

W. K. Sanford

New York Mar 8. 1863

Rev Sheldon Jackson
Rochester Minn.

Dear Sir.

Your fav of 18th inst came duly to hand.

Since I wrote you last I regret to say that I have had a relapse Indeed the nature of my ailements are such that I cannot expect to be entirely well As to our business affairs we are supplied thus far this Providence a Providence that has been marked thro out all my history as full of deliverances Do not fail still to remember me in prayer especially for my full establishment in the faith

Enclosed please find check for $66 00/100 the amount of Mary Chapins bill which

I return enclosed.

I hope she will prove a most usefull and efficient worker in the vineyard

yours very truly

Jas R. Jenvas,

George Buck 37.
3rd Pres S.S. Rochester
New York
(ans)

Rochester N. Y.
March 22/67

Rev Sheldon Jackson
Dear Sir

Your letter to Mr Wollister, written last Christmas, was duly recd. and read by him to the teachers and scholars of our Sabbath-School. We were happy to learn that the Rep remained so favorably, pecuniarily.

The deep interest you expressed for those in your state destitute of religious instruction and influences, awakened a corresponding interest in the members of our

schools and it was suggested by Mr Ullington, that a portion of our Missionary Fund be given for the organization of Sabbath-Schools and to promote those already organized & in need of pecuniary assistance, in your vicinity, the money to be kept to your order disbursed as your judgement shall direct. The suggestion met with a ready response from the ale the School, and it was the unanimous desire that $4.00 be donated for the above object. It was delegated by Mr Ullington from Sunday last, to remit to you the money, and herewith, you will please find it enclosed. Accept and use this mite as coming from the third Presbyterian Church Sunday School of Brooklyn city, the members of which Superintendent, teachers & scholars, unite in praying that it may be the means of doing some little good, of disseminating God's blessed word through the agency of the church or the Sabbath School in those places where it has never, or to little extent, been promulgated, or ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ scattering ~~[illegible]~~ or sending forth to some one of "Tell those children, who dwell in the regions beyond the hills" of the children's friend.

With best wishes for
the Earthly and eternal
good of your deceased
Mother Missing,

I am in behalf
of our Sabbath School
Your truly,
Geo. Rolee

Wm R. Janeway

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New York Oct 13 1869

Rev Sheldon Jackson
Rochester Minnesota

Dear Bro,

I have been expecting for some time to be in receipt of a bill from you for Mrs Johnson's tuition. It not yet due. If so please send it along.

My health is I trust improved. In hopes of benefit I have secured to a place in the country near N.Y. New Brunswick and thus far I have found the change to be favorable.

Business is very much depressed and the year results

will not be such as we
have enjoyed for some
time past. We hope
ever that it will be
next year.

It is some time s
I have heard from yo
I trust your health is
improved and your
work prospering

Yours truly
Wm R. Jenne

39.

Jas. M. Ludlow
Albany N.Y.

Albany N.Y.
Octo. 23d 1867

Dear Bro: Jackson -

I have time to write but a line or two - I cannot say what we will be able to do about the $200 for the Austin mission. The teachers of the Sabbath School have that matter under consideration.

But I am requested by the ladies of my congregation to ask you for the name, address, physical dimensions, family (number, sex, & size) & general wants of the most needy missionary in your Bishopric (?) A fat box will be sent, I think, at your direction, containing clothing, etc - Please write

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immediately. We remember you generally in the consecration and frequent prayers, I know, are offered for the success of the Church in your field.

Very truly, your brother in Christ,

James M. Ludlow

40.

M. R. Janeway

New York Oct 29/63

Dear Bro

Your favor of 23d is at hand.

I am greatly obliged to you for the interest and praying in my behalf I am not I trust insensible to their value I regret that your trials are so multiplied and your care for the church so heavy I earnestly hope that help will arrive to you from some quarter I am my self unable to assist you owing to a variety of causes of embarrassment

As to Phil's chapins affair I find that you are mistaken as to the bill for

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sixty six dollars as I
sent to you a check dated
March 8/63 for that amount
which I suppose liquidated
that bill for Apr 1st the amount
being equal, and on the 29
of Oct/66 I sent you a check
for $88 for the fall session of that year
I now enclose to you
a check for $88 as in full
of your bill of Oct 23/63
I regret very much that
I am unable to respond to
the touching appeal you make
in behalf of the mission
but unhappily such is the
case at present

Yours truly
Wm R. Marrow

Rev Sheldon Jackson
Rochester Minnesota

42.

Philad'a Oct. 31, 1869

Rev. & Dear Sir, Mrs Wm. S. Boyd
334 Spruce St
Phila

I now have the pleasure of enclosing to your order a check for Thirty Dollars to procure a Buffalo Coat for the Missionary you mentioned in your letter to our friend Mr Lamble who left the bills you wrote him, also to say the Box is now in the hands of the Ladies of our Church. I did not know the name of the Missionary that needed the Coat, you will therefore send him the Check (endorsed) and acknowledge receipt of same to Mrs Wm S Boyd 334 Spruce St. I have ~~sent~~ a check thinking it would be safer and no doubt it can be cashed as well as a check enclosed on Corn Exchange National Bank of Phila

Very Respectfully
Your Ob't
W S Boyd

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H. K. Corning 43.

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216 Madison Ave
New York, Nov 4 1887

Rev Sheldon Jackson
Dear Sir
I have recd your esteemed letters of 19 March and 25 October, also the two reports of the Board of Education. I am surprised to learn of the failure of the wheat crops in your section, and the distress brought upon many in consequence. The impression here is, that the harvests generally at the west were very abundant the past season. I will hand your letter to some of my friends and see what can be done for the relief of your missionary brethren. In the meantime I enclose you as my donation my check on

Union Nat Bank to your order for two hundred ($200) dollars and in the course of a few days will send you by express a small package of clothing for distribution among the missionary families. The Dorcas Society of the Brick Church will hold their first meeting this week, when I will present the ladies your letter. I notice that the Rev D. C. Lyon has removed from Winona to your place to act as district missionary. What does it mean?

Yours very sincerely
S. G. Corning.

JWLC

John Millard 44

Brooklyn Nov 8. 1867.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

Dear friend

your letter was duly received, and enclosed you will find a certified check on the Fulton National Bank. for Two hundred Dollars. Mrs Millard was very thankful for Daisy's likeness. We are in usual health.

Yours respectfully

John Millard

H. K. Corning 45.

216 Madison Av. New York,
Jan. 18th. 67.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

My dear Sir.

I have received your letters of 11th. & 12th. inst. and note their contents.

I have shown your previous letter to some of my friends, but have succeeded only in collecting the inclosed check for $100. from my neighbour Mr. J. S. Phelps. It is on the Mercantile Bank and endorsed payable to your order. I should be glad to do more for you, but it does not seem to be practicable.

I should think the best plan, is for you to make direct appeals to your friends in this section. The ladies of the Bowery Church I believe propose to send you a box of clothing, if you are in need of it, for distribution.

Mr. Porter told me, that the ladies of the Second Church, contemplated doing the same thing/S

so that, I presume you will have a good [illegible]

It seems to me rather singular that the Lyons church being out of debt, the people should not afford him a support and also that if the Board of Missions cannot support their Missionaries why should they incur the expense for a special Superintendent? There is little encouragement in contributing to build churches at the West, which when done, are frequently unable to support a Pastor. I have heard of instances of this result. Please make use as you think proper of the Funk [illegible] for, after disposing of its contents.

I will bear your case in mind as [illegible] remain — Yours very truly,

H. H. Corning.

Esq. C.

Geo Buck 46.
3 Pus S.S.
Rochester N.Y.

Rochester N.Y.
Nov. 18. 1867

Rev Sheldon Jackson
Dear Brother in Christ:

By a vote of our Sabbath School it was decided to send you, for the Austin Mission Field $20.00 all the funds in the treasury of this school. Enclosed you will please find a draft to that amount. Perhaps, I acted a little hastily in pledging the school to furnish $20.00 for this good and worthy object presented in your letter, and which you enlisted my interest and sympathies so much when you addressed the school in our little chapel on your visit in Rochester. I was hardly authorized to

guarantee any large sum of money as a Sunday School, for any needful and benevolent religious object, not being delegated with such authority, but as an individual I was glad to be a member of the Sabbath School. I was glad to give a promise that you should have the managed assistance asked for, to build up and sustain and carry forward the great and blessed work in the large and important field, which you in interesting fashion untold for our consideration and co-operation. It seemed to me that our donations if we had any to give, could not be better expended than for the benefit of the Bowen family you represented. I thought the school would regard it in that light too, and so they did, but I must say, that some expressed the opinion, that the subscriptions and donations of the Sunday School, for missionary work ought to be appropriated as directed by the Board of Home Missions. In consideration of my promise however, the school, as before observed, voted to send the enclosed amount for the object specified in your letter. It is all the funds, the school now has. It is given with a willing heart and with earnest prayer to God, that it may help and advance the Bowen and church, and redound to His glory. I cannot say what action, the school will take in future, in regard to this Austin field. I do not

feel at liberty to pledge its action
for further donations in behalf of
the same good work, although the
school may be desirous of making
the enterprise its special charge, as
in Rochester. Your letter interests
the school accordingly, and
you and the faithfulness of
God in your hard and self-de-
laborious to organize and build
up churches and Sunday Schools
in your growing and enterprising
State, have their sympathies
and fervent prayers. May God
raise up help, the help of men
and money, for the cause of
Christ, Church and Kingdom
the best.

Very truly
Your brother in Chr
Geo. L. Prec

Mrs Eli Merrill 47.

Brooklyn Nov 21 69

Dear Brother Jackson -

Yours of the 15th was received this afternoon & I was just prepard to remit you a check for ninety dollars - which please use as your judgment directs not forgetting my Friend Sheldon Jackson who is inclined to put himself behind all the Brethren. I recal what I proposed, or rather Mrs I did, in reference to her thirty dollars - you who are on the spot know best how to appropriate our gift.

From the 2d Pres Ch I have no expectation of getting a penny - not being acquainted with the few remaining members - saw A. B. Baylis, with whom I may communicate by letter. I went to Carters yesterday, to enquire if they were to send Books to Minnesota, they replied in the negative I wanted a chance for my clothing as last year - not getting a reply from Drs Rockwell I went to his house, he was out

but I saw Mrs R, she said Mr R had received my note. I spoke to her of their getting up a box for Minnesota she said their sewing Soc had just come together, & she presumed they would be happy to do so. I left your letter for Mr R to use & requesting her to return it when done with, after five days it was returned without any note as I had expected. He is overwhelmed with duties. but surely ought to have taken some notice of my efforts. what does it mean? perhaps you know. you wish to know the donors through me Mrs Trask $30 - Mrs Wyckoff $5 Mr John Mc Hoy $5 Mrs E Merrill $50

I beg of you not to require any one to write as you proposed, but you can write Mrs Trask, on receipt of check instead of myself - Presently I can give a little more if needed. but I hope your appeals may be so responded to, as to meet the case.

Pray on! God will hear your cry, & send relief. How is Bro Anstie getting along? & Bro Lyon? please tell me.

I shall be anxious to know of your progress in collecting funds, &c.

Eliza joins me in love to Mrs I & yourself. Kisses for the Children.

Mrs Eli Merrill

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Brooklyn Nov. 25th

Dear Brother Jackson -

After mailing the check for you I told Eliza what I said about asking for anything of Members of the 2d Pres Ch - She said I was wrong - she was thinking of making a move for a box there, but was puzzled in regard to starting I gave her your letter to take down yesterday, & consult with a Trustee, he concluded to carry it before the Session Wed. eve. the Ladies spoken to, are warmly in favour of acting, & so my articles will go with theirs, no doubt, Has Dr Rockwell written you? A Lady wishes to send her Observer to some Clergyman who needs it - Can you name one? Do you suppose the Congregational Clergyman you named one

year needs a box this? Dr Buddington's people if applied to might send one
With kindest regards for Mrs Jacks & yourself in haste
Yours in Christ J M E Merrill
321 Clermont Av.

I take the Family Visitor shall I send it to you to use - it is admirably Edited by a Friend of mine. If you ~~get~~ take it I will send elsewhere.
Mrs Wyckoff sends the Intelligr as she gets a chance to take them to the P Office.

Mrs W. W. Phillips

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Presbyterian Education Rooms,

Rev. Sheldon Jackson
907 Arch
Wabasha, Minn.

Philadelphia, 5th February 1867

Dear Sir,

Your Report of the 25th ult. is received. Above I send you Check of Wm. Main, Treasurer, on Mechanics National Bank, Philadelphia, for Twenty five Dollars, in payment of the appropriation made to the Boys School of your W. Roberts Minn. for the 3 quarter. The information that reaches us from your Schools is very cheering. We join our prayers with yours that the Spirit may come down in power upon teachers & taught – upon parents & children – drawing many souls to Jesus.

Do not overlook the preparation of those who will devote themselves to teaching: give such special advantages – they greatly enlarge your sphere of usefulness.

With much regard I am fraternally

Thomas McCauley
Assist. Secty. Ed. Ed.

Rev Thomas L. Janeway D.D.
Sec Board of Home Missions
Philadelphia Pa

[illegible] 9 Apr 1867

Dear Brother

My Commission bills were received the appointment came to hand Saturday morning. I was preparing to start for a distant appointment to preach. My horse being in poor condition I was musing whether I must walk or endure in perplexity to turn back. Your letter quickly decided the question. And now having ridden from my work a near 40 miles, holding services morning at two places, I must write over the charges laid against me by your letter. Your statements took me completely by surprise. If there is any part of my labor in which I take special pride it is in setting forth the duty of giving. And yet when I hear "I hear you are reluctant to urge" the charge comes to the heart like a dagger. Who has informed you I know not. But this I know he is sadly ignorant of the situation & facts of the case. This also I know it could not be Bro Jackson for most times when I apply to him to write for my commissions, he has urged me to apply for larger appropriations, asserting that I needed more than the sums for which I asked, urging also that others more favorably situated were receiving more. You, I think, know my situation here. Three years ago I was the sole & settled pastor of the Rock Ch. The Church then when I came to it was growing fast & the people were united & liberal in my support. But as the Church enlarged it claimed the whole of my time & I grieved that I could do nothing for the wide region around me 20 miles on every side. I called a meeting of the Ch & asked ~~they~~ my people to allow me to call in Bro Jackson to assist me. After much urging they consented. He also consented & came with the understanding that we would divide the work & support as nearly equal as possible. We have so to change from this till now he has nearly all the pastoral work of the Ch & I mostly the work of an Evangelist. I am still Pastor of the Ch. Last year the trustees asked me to state ~~[illegible]~~ how much I

I wanted from them for my support. I named my sum. They paid it cheerfully. They will do the same this year. Since I have furnished them with my support my wife's mother came, I dare not ask them for a larger sum. There is no room for "urging" here. Indeed I have wondered much where I have any room to urge. Saturday when I had walked a few miles, revolving my matter sadly in my own mind, I stopped into a house to rest. An aged member of my church – a woman of more than 60 yrs – toiling as a hired servant for her support & just now in danger of losing 2 or 300 $ she had saved from her earnings & laid by for old age – as I was leaving to resume my journey handed me a 5-$ bill – saying "please Sir accept of this little, I have saved it for you" Jenny, I replied, I cannot take it this, you cannot just now afford it" "But I must give it Sir I can na' help it" & looking in her face I saw her eyes filling with tears at my thought I would not use her gift. And this is not an exceptional case but my common rule with all my families or persons to whom I look for support. It is wholly left to me to ask from each person my sum I thought he ought to give, I would in most cases, ask less than is actually given. In most cases I have rather to restrain than to "urge" At Stewartville of which Ch I am not stated supply, but only provisional, until a Stated Supply can be obtained, My Elder, the only able man in my Ch, who last year was almost ruined by a series of heavy losses – gave me last year 20$ at least 5 weeks board for Sept & close, as good as 50$ in all. A farmer in debt, with nine children to maintain without a comfortable home or means to get one gives 10$. A widow toiling even day to support herself & family gives 5$. Another aged widow weaving for a support, gives 5$. all without urging. Some members of my Ch are so poor through poor tax & no crops that cannot buy clothing to stay away from Ch – Some cases clothed from

pulpit from head & foot. They give a little, can I urge them to give much. When the Minutes are published, you will see I think that Stewartville has in proportion of members, given more to my Bd's than any other Ch in our Presbytery. Have you any such giving in Phila? In two neighborhoods between Stewartville & Rochester where I occasionally preach on my own back & pelt – they last year in Feb made me a donation & it was a largest donation ever given to any minister in this region. It was their wish to make another this year, but as money is not to be had, they propose postponing it till after harvest. In another neighborhood where are 3 poor families surrounded by Catholics & where I preach as often as I find time, which is not often, – they furnished for 3 years past my horse I have used & now propose to give my horse, worth say $150 – besides which they have during that time given in money something over 60$. These families are not rich – one of them having my child – live in a log house of one room not more than 12 ft sq – Any need to urge them? I have never asked them for a cent. I have been under necessity of supplying Ashland part of the time. They have a regular subscription & give so much per sab to their supply. Their crops being a total failure they are in arrears to me, but acknowledge my debt & will pay of their next harvest or some. Last Summer my elders wrote me that if I would consent to be their S.S. they could easily double their subscription. No need for me to "urge" them. The other portion of my field are my new points where Chs have been recently organized. It will not do at my very first to speak of support. Just as soon as possible I have given my other Chs over to my care of others, generously relinquishing all they owed to me over to him who came after me. This I will do in Even such case. Now my work for this year is not as Commission states "SS of Stewartville & Inter-valley" For Jackson has served

in such Statement If the Rock River R R is carried west my work will be first to occupy points on that road adjacent to Stewartville, so as to form a good ~~Support~~ compact field for one man — 2nd to Exploring as far as possible large unoccupied region north of me, a region more than 40 miles E & W by 20 miles N & S, which is that filling up will doubtless furnish some available points for building Chs Upper valley is a mere problem yet It is mainly Cong & I will occupy it & organize them only on condition of Cong joining in The Pres there are members of our R Ch & can do well. The greater part of my work therefore will, for at least 6 months, furnish me with no support whatever I therefore — reported me aright asked for an additional 50$ for 6 months hoping that a more favorable harvest would enable my people to do more for me in a pecuniary way. It is therefore no small grief to me that on report of some unknown accuser, I am pronounced delinquent when I know that I am innocent If I differ at all from my brethren on the subject of giving, difference is this; I take a higher stand in regard to my duty I call it worship & constantly teach that true Christians will give just as surely as he will pray. That as worship, my act of almsgiving is as sacred as my act of prayer — it may not be consistently enjoined with frivolity & mirth I am therefore from principle opposed to all "Church festivals &c" as corrupting one of my important parts of God's worship I am not writing to change my decision of my Executive Com in regard to appropriations. By denying myself as I did on Saturday, what most would consider necessary, I can get along on my appropriation given But I must clear myself of scandal I must have a clear commission or none. If work Pres has marked out for me, is not in your estimation important then you are free to say so — free indeed to recall my commission God willing I can easily find a support. But do not, dear sir charge me with a serious offense, & endorse that charge on my commission before you afford me an opportunity to defend myself It is bad enough to be accused, but to be condemned without a hearing & disciplined without a trial — for if I understand you aright — you say that my annual rule "is thus well broken because of my "mistake" — is too hard to bear — Or if it is so, as you obscurely hint that my Bd can no more sustain its missionaries, then I ought to know it plainly, for we are just now urging several young men to enter my field depending upon that my Bd will sustain them. They had better not come, if to come is to meet disappointment. It is plain that I have written under my impulse of strong feeling. I have written hitherto with much pleasure because as I thought my entire confidence of my Bd. The intimation that I have not your entire confidence is reason for strong feelings for it at once destroys all my enjoyment arising from my relation I must therefore you will bear with me in this & considering the facts I have here laid before you, remove my charge you have laid against me. Yours very truly

Geo Ainslie

(A true Copy)

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Rochester June 13. 1867. –

Dear Bro. Jackson: –

Yours was received today, – The articles of which you speak are not here except the Cups and Saucers. My impression is, that Mrs. Elder took them over there, she said they were for Mr. P. – I was not aware, that Mr Andrews had not paid you rent yesterday. I took it for granted that he had, until I happened to refer to the matter. He said you left sooner than he was expecting, and he has been waiting, until he could arrange some other matter, when he showed write to you. – He said that he would send it soon. If he does not I will try to get the money and send it. – My freight bill was $108. The Express Company charged me $48 from La Cross to Winona, tho the R. Rd charged only half rates. I had to borrow a hundred dollars at the bank to pay it,

If therefore I am not as prompt in Mission
Matters as I could be desired you will kindly
bland the cause. - We are only partially
yet, I have been so engaged in household
that I have had little opportunity yet to do
for the Church than preach on the Sabbath.
Mrs Kenkleny died last week. Idie is
in a Critical State. The prospect of her recovery
is not very Encouraging. Others are
in usual health Except Mr. Slaughtery who
has been on his back for two or three weeks
now, and Mr. Leak, who has had bad turns
but who also is some better. - I am glad
to hear that you have got family settled. May
the Lord bless you abundantly in your new
and important work. - My love to Miss
Jackson and best wishes for you all.

Your friend

J. T. Shaw.

Rochester Dec. 28

Rev Sheldon Jackson
Dear Brother in Christ

Your
letter enclosing one from Mr Mathews, has duly rec^d. I have neglected answering it, having been so exceedingly busy with my store matters, preparatory to Holiday trade, and hoping that a response might be given to your wish in furnishing a Communion set for the new church. I regret to say, that I shall not be able to send you what you desire. Our school, for some reason, seems to fall away for this year. We had to abandon a little festival, for this evening, which was intended to be given for want of necessary funds

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The children had one this afternoon, following Christmas, which was very pleasant. Brother Mayberry's letter was exceedingly interesting, and it certainly, brought my heart and sympathies, as it did others in our school. Surely the Lord will provide for his devoted servants, and the religious field, white for the harvest, in ways which, we know not of. I am hopes that our school will make the Austin field, one of its specialities, and do all that is possible, in building up and sustaining a church and Sunday School there. I shall lend my influence in that direction, so far as it will go. May God bless you and Mr Wolcott, and prosper you and this devoted ministering servants in extending Christ's blessed cause and church, in your section of the country —

With my best wishes and prayers,

I remain

Yours truly

Scott Porter

Mrs Eli Merritt 55

Brooklyn Nov. 9th (18[illegible])

Dear Bro Jackson, I was thinking of you, & of writing to know of your prospects, & doings, but a few days previous to receiving yours of Oct. 30, I had been away from home 2 months & returning Oct. 1st found lots to do, & though in fine health, work wearying me very much. which I must now expect. but your letter has good on my jaded energies. To begin Mrs Viele has lost her property & is living in the Country. Mrs Trask responded nobly $30 & clothing. I conclude to collect a box of clothing for you to distribute. Mrs Trask's $30 is for your Friend (please give me his name) who rowed 18 miles in a skiff to preach to a few people in a School house. I thought it might be Mr Aerobe. S

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Schenectady Jan 9th, 68

From a "Friend" interested in the great work to which you have devoted yourself. Use it as you please for yourself or others. 10$

Mrs J. J. Backus. S

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Revd Wm Jackson

Dear Sir

I enclose a draft for
£[illegible] payable to your order, for Sam
It is the larger part of money rec
cheerfully contributed by [illegible]
people in response to your letter.
We [illegible] get money, it
would have been larger. I did not
indeed intend to [illegible] until
receipt of your letter [illegible].
Tomorrow (Lds D.) we will [illegible] from
barrels of clothing, [illegible] will be
sent to you. The distribution is
left entirely to [illegible] with exceptional
[illegible] mentioned.

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Clothing may not be in your infine[illegible] [illegible] ministerial brethren & families. In such case do what you [illegible] Lord, in judgment directs, & make the best [illegible] of it in your power. We could not have allowed some of the "Second Land" articles a place in the travelling list for your better [illegible] and better statements. Mr. Luton of Albany very kindly sends the barrels "free" of charge. Please let us hear monthly as soon as they arrive safely.

Miss Mackie has marked some articles [illegible] after with your wife's name. Note are for her. In addition [illegible] select for you our family wherever you may be, or, best the most of. Please

[illegible] the [illegible] to be [illegible] devise, first, how people feel that [illegible] should not be but [illegible] points. With regard to [illegible] next winter for our feeble [illegible] tempts to sympathize with our Missionary Brethren,

Yours affectionately

J. Fountain Mackie

P.S. None of our Connexional [illegible] contributed a few toys for the children. I hope their effort to please, tho' so humble, will make them happy. Now I would send a few [illegible] plums, or perhaps [illegible]

W. R. Janeway 58.

New York Jan 29. 1868

Dear Bro.

Your kind favor of the 2d inst came duly to hand enclosing bill for Mary Chapin's schooling & board to Apl next for $68 for which amt please find enclosed check.

I am happy to be able to report my health as greatly improved. Indeed I have been better in this respect of late than for a long period past. I trust it may be continued to me for some time to come. It is like a new life to me. May that I may be fully established in good and well founded

hope of the life to come
This providence of giving
is full of reward and one
of its most immediate parts
is that it secures the prayers
of many who have power
with God and prevail
Our year's business is
common with very many
here as well as of others
elsewhere both at home
and in Europe has resulted
in loss I hope however
we have touched bottom and
am glad to add that we have
hopes from several and divers
circumstances that this year's
business will prove more ad
vantageous and as far as
general affairs will allow
more prosperous than hitherto for (Deo volente)

I notice with satisfaction what
you state as to the Co pasto-
rate and altho you give me no
hint as to the merits of the
affair yet I doubt not your
own situation as well as
usefulness will be thereby im-
proved.

Yours very truly
Pro R J Cummings

Rev Sheldon Jackson
Rochester, Minnesota

Kellogg 59.

56 W. 10th St.
5 Feb'68

Rev Mr Jackson: Dear Bro:

The enclosed note from one of the ladies of my church, enclosing the $100.- which I now send, will explain itself.

It is with great satisfaction that I forward it.

As the lady intimates, let no public acknowledgment be made, but that you may let her know that you have rec'd it, I send you her address "Mrs J. L. Graham 21 Washington Square New York City."

Fraternally Yours
Alfred H. Kellogg
Pastor University Place Church.

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(Feb. 1863)

My dear Friend & Pastor -

Do you not think if the enclosed were divided between 10 or 5 missionaries, it might help a little? There might be some case of sickness, and as you know our Jackson's address, I can forward it from "a friend," without waiting for the cold weather to be over -

I wish I could say, it was a deprivation, a self-denial - but I am very economical, though it may not seem so, as regards all personal expenses - I have only one restriction - Please - say nothing, if you know any better way, appropriate it at once -

Very truly yours. Ruth.

Thursday.

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Rev H. Kellogg
N.Y. City.

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My dear bro:

It is with great pleasure that I enclose another $100.- to be distributed by you at your discretion.

It is from a "Miss Maria Halsted No. 110 E. 37th St New York City" – the name to be reserved.

I have the promise of $50.- more & hope soon to be able to send you the remainder of the $200.- asked for.

I am very truly

Yours in Christ

Alfred H. Kellogg
56 W. 10th St.

Feb 18/68

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Rev A. H. Kellogg

My dear Mr Jackson:

I enclose you $65.- from "Mrs Slover, mother Sister" (No. 9 E. 32d New York City) to help make up the balance of $200.- asked for by you for the Minnesota missionaries.

I remain
fraternally yours
Alfred H. Kellogg
56 W. 10th St.
N. Y. C.

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Feb 20: 1868

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J. S. Newell

63.

414 Broadway
New York July 26. '68

Dear Jackson

Shall I continue Messengers for this year? I want the Seed to be sown where it will do the most good. Results we leave with God. Please advise me early. I find the Paper do much good in Pro' Lewis's County, & adjacent ones in Wis.

How are you progressing, not a line from you in months.

Remember me kindly to all in the field.

Yours &c
J. S. Newell

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My dear Sir:

A lady "Mrs W. L. Skidmore No 131 W. 13th St. New York city" handed me the enclosed after lecture last evening desiring it to be appropriated at your discretion like the other sums which have been sent you through me. I hope the last two sums $100 & $65.— reached you safely.

Faithfully Yours

Alfred H. Kellogg
56 W. 10th St.
New York

Thursd
27 Feb '68

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49 West 11th St 65.

New York Feb 27th 1868

Rev Sheldon Jackson

Dear Brother

Your letter has this moment been received and as the case is urgent I send you my own check for the money and will trust the Lord to return to me

Enclosed your check for two Hundred Dollars when in, Bank in W 11th near Wall St, I receive your case here at cost in Hartford I feel sure it will be

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[illegible] Brooke. I found
[illegible] provinces that they check
[illegible] passes current anywhere
[illegible] My heart is pained at
the condition of [illegible]
I hope we will soon remove
things in the Pacific that
I fear the result will not
come for about a year

Yours truly

William de Pontes

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414 Broadway
New York March 9 '68

Dear Bro

Yours at hand, I will continue them, & see what can be done for Lake City. I think you can say to Bro Annin I will send the 40 copies. The Lord will provide.

Yours in the field
O. S. Howell

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

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Donations in Money	$. cts.
Mrs. D. Hamill	7. 25
Mrs. J. Stevens	2. 00
Mrs. Rouse	1. 50
Miss Lillie H. Rassau	1. 00
Cornelius (colored)	.50
Mrs. Wm. Scudder	2. 00
Misses May & Vanna Scudder	4. 00
Mrs. Mary Rue	2. 00
Miss May Ann Brealey	5. 00
Mrs. Shook	2. 00
Mrs. P. Davis	2. 00
Mrs. Elenie Vanderline	5. 00
Rev. Clark Davis	1. 00
Mr. Johnes Brealey	1. 00
Misses Brealey	5. 00
Miss May Green	2. 00
Miss S. & A. Armamilt	2. 00
Mrs. S. Brealey	2. 00
Mrs. John Phillips	3. 00
Mrs. Henry Phillips	5. 00
Mrs. George Brealey	2. 00
Mrs. John Rue	5. 00
Masters Charlie & Hugh Hamill	1. 00
Maude & Sam Hamill (children)	.50
Mrs. G. W. Johnson	2. 00
Mrs. Benj. Johnson	2. 00
Miss Louisa Phillips	2. 00
Mrs. James Stevens	2. 00

	$. cts
Mr. Thomas Stevens —	9. 00
Mr. Ralph Hunt —	3. 00
Annie Peck (sick girl)	. 25
Charlie & Jeannie children of Rev D. Gossman —	. 10
	$ 77. 10
To purchases deducted;	12. 00
	$ 65. 10
Value of clothing & groceries —	$ 184. 95
Whole amt —	$ 250. 05

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Brooklyn Feb. 8th 1864

Dear Brother, I am a little disappoin-
-ted that you seem to have forgotten your
proposition to our Sabbath School, & my
reply, that; now the boxes were off, I
should attend to that business. of the
Church building. As soon as it could
be got before the Teachers of the S.S.
it was presented, & advocated by the
Superintendent, (with whom I had
been using your letters, & my influ-
ence, pledging him that Mrs Frank &
myself would make up outside, what
might be lacking of the $250 in
School contributions. Still calling it
the School Mission to give the
Children a tangible interest. Mr
Spelman tells me he has written
you, & now if you have made a

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public exposé through the Presbyterian I shall have placed myself in an awkward position. You could not have rec'd my letter written some time since, but, Mr Pelmans may reach you in time. I will hope so, untill I hear to the contrary.

It is quite a relief to know that the clothing has all reached its destination, if the articles (sent you) inclosed in the upper part of the box sent to Mr Lyons & Mrs Ainslie, have been received. I cannot recollect all the articles, but you probably have not, or had not when you wrote, got them. On receipt of your note, enclosing the one from Mrs Lyons to yourself, I at once bought the shoes, & gloves, & Express'd them to Mr Lyons, in a little wooden box. Our Sexton in marking it, foolishly put my name on the outside. I would not delay the box to have it removed, cant imagine what induced him to do so. We are collecting some clothing as we can to send you for the cases you named, after the three, who have been cared for by Brothr Rockwells Ladies, & ourselves. you spoke of clothing to be made over by them. If we send the box to you for distribution, could the hats for Mrs Lyons & Mary go ~~with~~ in it? This caring for the body is a constant work. In yours & Mrs Jacksons received to day you do not speak of the revival in the Academy. Brownsville must be a growing place, & gospel privileges should keep pace with worldly prosperity, else sad will be the result. The "growing West" calls for increasing efforts for its salvation. This portion of our Country is of no new interest to me. I cannot recal the person whom I requested to send you the Evangelist & JS Times

Mrs Y. L. Young, perhaps
will enquire as it is one of our Church
members. A Friend promises me the Prim
or Danville, Review, for Mr Arnie
who would very much like it, I know
from something he wrote me.

The Taylor fitted his new Coat from
your writing his height, & saying he was
broad-shouldered. I supposed you
a School Library, & each Scholar
a book every Sabbath, merely to read, & return
but I perceive you give the books, we
do not. Do you regain your strength? I
am rather apprehensive you are working
a little too hard. You cant well spare
just now, & ought to be careful of yourself
I am feeling the effects of injudicious exposure
in cold, & storms. it seemed necessary.
I shall take Mrs Jacksons letter to Mrs Ex
& Frank as soon as I can get out. in the
mean time shall feel anxious to hear fro
you, in reply to this, your earliest convenie

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Brooklyn March 3d /64

Dear Brother Jackson - Fearing that our S. S. Superintendent might necessarily delay writing you, after a conversation I had with him last Friday evening, it may be well for me to write a line, to make you perfectly easy.

Mr Spelman said he could send from the School ~~[illegible]~~ One-hundred & fifty dollars. I told him a few of us outsiders would fill out the three hundred, which I learned by Dr Rockwells letter you needed.

The Dr had arranged it seems to assist us in raising the sum you specified not knowing he Spelman had accepted your proposition. which I trust you recollect proposing the S School with their Friend should

raise
500 dollars, or more, to secure the motion of the Church, with what you had already pledged to you. They might name it, & look upon it as their Church, that you, as long as spared on that field, would write them a yearly letter giving a history of the Church during that period. It seems to me a good thing for the School, & I trust will prove so for you also. It is what I have been aiming at to connect the School with the Ladies' efforts in your field of labour, & may God add His blessing. Please keep Mr Spelman advised of your progress from time to time. I intimated to him that when the Church was finished you might like a communion service. He no doubt will give the idea to the children, but do not speak of it, though you may expect it.

I recollect your bundle did go in the Rockwell box. You would not wonder were you here, that my mind became confused. The Sanitary Fair, has been a great movement here, taxing all our energies, but not I trust to the exclusion of any other duty. My last Observer did not come. I will enclose a "Drum Beat" in the next I send. It will give you a little idea of the Fair. Brother Rockwell has been a fortnight in the Camp & Hospitals. He will give an account of his labours next Tuesday eve. if reported in papers will send it you. I want to know what my sister's box from Rochester cost the freight of this box. They have not told me I think, do not recollect sending him the money. I did enclose Mr Lyons two dollars to pay for his small box enclosing gloves & shoes. Mrs Lyons wrote

me they had received them, but
not speak of the money having
received. I have been ill since
"The Fair" has been in progress, fi
a bad cold. am now well but sen
to colds as not before.
Please give Brother Rockwell
Church something to do for you
region, as a missionary spirit h
been newly awakened in them
a Western missionary address the
& your appeal for clothing fell
in the same week. Hope you co
decypher this hurried scrawl.
With kindest regards for elles
& yourself.

J M E Merrill.

I am very weary but hope I
made myself understood. Our Lad
are all working in the Fair -

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New York July 27 1864

Rev Sheldon Jackson

Rochester, Minnesota

Dear Sir,

On the 20th I addressed you enclosing check for $150 as thus in stated. and I trust duly reached you.

At the time you addressed us in our behalf I was much touched by the recital you gave us of the straights in which some of our Men of the Domestic Field were placed having our under paid the church in this city, judgment persuades a be early policy. I have some times almost reached the conclusion to use all I have to contribute to this cause to supplement the salaries of the men in the field. This however would be an extreme step. I desire however to do something in that direction. If then you are cognizant of some cases of brethren in straights you will please draw on me for one hundred dollars on the relief of such dividing the same into such parts as in your judgment may appear best

Yours truly

Wm. E. Dodge

Aug 4th applied for half

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New York Oct 31 1864

To Sheldon Emerson
Rochester Minn.

Dear Sir

Yours of 26th inst is at hand enclosing check for want of signature which the omission which is now corrected and enclosed please find the same returned

Since I wrote I have collected ten dollars more but will defer further effort in his behalf till after the present excitement subsides when I hope to send you for the Nais say fifty more

Yours truly
Wm H. Tennney.

New York Dec 22 1854

Rev Sheldon Jackson
Rochester Minn.

Dear Bro,

Agreeably to mine of the 5th ult last I have the pleasure of handing to you the enclosed check for sixty dollars in aid of Rev R. H. McDair, as the result of subscription from sundry members of our church & congregation ranging from $10 to $40.

I have to ack the rec't of your favor of Nov with rec'ts of the 24th inst, and note contents as highly satisfactory particularly as name were not mentioned

Yours Truly
Wm R Kennedy

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Brooklyn Dec. 24th/64

Dear brother Jackson

I wrote you some weeks since stating what we had sent Bro Thayer ($50,00) & that we would send Mrs Thayer a Cloak & Hat, at the same time begging you to apply for a box for him elsewhere -
Mr Thayer acknowledged the reception of said money. I have collected about forty dollars more to which I will add, & in the way you will recommend, forward to you to dispense in small sums as you may see necessity among those Clergymen with whom you have intercourse.
Frequently ten dollars will relieve a pressing necessity -
Please write me what you think of this plan.
The Teasks will stay in Morristown a month longer & then board in New York until Spring. they have requested

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letters of dismission from the 2d Presbyterian to join Dr Irving Church in Morristown Mr West will not leave, & our congregation continues to lessen, A mortgage of six thousand will soon oblige us to close the Church doors & confess we are dead, no collections taken save one for the Church & School - though the people will give We have no redress in O.S. Presbyterianism I am told Mr West says God sent him here, & must send him to some other Church or place our condition is sickening. I now attend a Congregational Church, Dr Budington's on Clinton Avenue. An appeal has been made to Presbytery to consider our condition & advise to a course of action, stating what we were a few years ago, & what we are now. We shall now test the truth or falsity of the opinion - that our Church Courts must let us die Mr West can hold his position if he chooses though he is no shepherd to the flock. It is very sad, terribly so. but God reigns, & does all things well.

Do let me hear from you soon, as to my proposition, & tell me how you are getting along with the church & Congregation. describe Baby. With love for Mrs I & yourself - As ever Yours in Christ.

J. M. P. Merrill.

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[illegible]

[illegible] come to do. When I got to Rochester, [illegible] told me that the Bath [illegible] had resolved [illegible] ward that no formal resolution had been [illegible] to the school [illegible] the school ~~[illegible]~~ by pushing them [illegible] instead of leaving them to live in abstract principles [illegible] other [illegible]; and at the same time [illegible] Board's commission. [illegible]

[illegible] meeting, and it happened [illegible] did not [illegible]
teachers resolved to give their money [illegible]
to the Board, with a request to the [illegible]
[illegible]
this for the future; meanwhile they would [illegible]
[illegible] money wh they had on hand.
had fully understood the case at first I shd probably
said nothing at all to the school about the disposition of
money, seeing it wd go thro' our channels anyhow.
I have been careful since to encourage [illegible]
though you where I have heard of it.
The For Ch. School held a teachers meeting on Wed. after [illegible]
address, but it was too small to act, & it was postponed
a week. They were to write me the result, but I
not heard & fear they have not decided favourably
are contributing to the F.C. Union. There will be [illegible]
for you when you come East again. Yours tr[illegible]
[illegible]

Albany March 17th 1868

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Dear Sir Having seen several letters written by you respecting the trials and sacrifices of our Home Missionaries, I wish to contribute a widow's mite, to the alleviation of their sufferings - Please give the enclosed $5 to the neediest Home missionary with a family that you know of - May our Heavenly Father put it into the hearts of his people at the East, who amidst all their abounding mercies, know so little of the trials of those who are bearing "the burden and heat of the day" to give of their abundance, for the relief of his suffering servants - Please acknowledge the safe receipt of this money, by a letter addressed to the care of my son - Clarence F. Jenkins, Albany, or to the care of Dr J. T. Backus Schenectady, where I expect to be after the S

Albany N.Y.
March 28. 1868

Dear Bro Jackson –

I have delayed writing you, hoping to be able to respond favorably to your request – But my people are now under such pressure that I think it impossible to

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get them to do anything now. I read your letter or made an appeal for you at the prayer meeting, but with the little response we have so many things before us that I do not wonder at the lack. Almost every day I receive letters urging us to give help. Some one is constantly going from house to house, with the list of my members, begging for this or that object. But if I can get a chance, I will press the Austin matter again. I say this, however, not in the sense of a promise.

With true sympathy, believe me,

Your brother in X

James M. Luttom

New York Apl 8 1868

Dear Bro

Agreably to an intimation to you in one of my late letters I have now the pleasure of handing you enclosed a check for one hundred dollars

You will please apply the same to your missionary fund for the support of the brethren to whom you have made pledges

I take much interest in this work of yours and hope to be able to send more

~~Will send on apl of Mears~~ Will send on apl of Mears Chapin in Mears next

I am glad to report my s

health & I hope much improved in answer to prayers as I believe.

Have me in remembrance in your as I also have you and your work in mind.

Yours truly
Mrs R. Thomas

Rev Sheldon Jackson
Rochester, Minn.

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OFFICE OF JANEWAY & CO.,
Manufacturers of Paper Hangings,
WAREHOUSE, No. 51 DEY ST.,
MANUFACTORY AT NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.
WM. R. JANEWAY. HENRY L. JANEWAY. JOSHUA J. GOODRICH.

New York, April 15th 1868

Dear Bro.

On the 8th inst I sent you a check for $100 to be applied to your Missionary fund and I now have the pleasure of handing to you enclosed a check for the same amount and for the same object

One half of the amt I rec'd from my sister in law Miss Sarah Hartshorne and the other from Benj. G. Clark, Esq. a member of Dr Imbrie's ch. P.C.

I have in previous letters sent you contributions from Mr C. and mentioned his case He is not a member of the church but a very estimable and also liberal man.

He is the son of a pious mother now deceased and of Scotch Irish Ancestry A man ~~built~~ formed in a noble mould of force and most generous impulses Pray for him If grace were added he would be a shining light

Rev Sheldon Jackson
Rochester, Minna.

Yours truly
Wm R Janeway,

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New York. April 29 "68.

Dear Sir. I thought of writing you, and acknowledging the receipt of your first letter, but so many duties accumulated around me at that time, that I was obliged to lay it by, and your second letter, so full of interest, is now before me. It seemed almost strange to think that so little could do so much, and to make me almost a-shamed of an offering, which was after all, but a very small effort of self-denial. It has had one good effect however, to make more known to me,

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the wants & necessities of those who are laboring for the Cause of Christ in the West and impart to me a life-long interest in their work. It seems hard that those who are in the Master's service should be subjected to all these trials, but it is doubtless for some good, since God suffers it to be so. Perhaps it is that we should think more for them, & pray more for them, that their destitution has been brought home to us now, and though I cannot but feel how small a share I have to any thanks from them, yet it is a pleasant thought, that I have now an interest in their prayers, as they have in mine. I received a very touching letter from Mrs Anan, which I intend to answer, as soon as time permits. We are now holding the Anniversaries, connected with the different institutions, with which I have been connected, and I hope to be more at leisure afterwards. I forward you a report of our Bible Society, which I was obliged to write from the illness of our Secy. I think you may find some of the details of our work through our Bible Women of some interest. We think them most efficient laborers in the Lord's Vineyard.

I shall always hear of the church in Rochester with much interest, and at

all times be happy to hear from you.
As God prospers me, so I hope I trust
to be able to give of his bounty. And
though we have many claimants here,
yet we would not limit our hand.
With much regard
Very truly yours,
Julia M Graham

To Washington Hay.

81.

Rev Mr Jackson:

My Dear Bro:

A member of my church – a lady, desires me to send you the enclosed $20.– to be appropriated at your discretion either

(1) to supply our missionaries with "Hodge on the atonement" or

(2) to assist them in their temporal necessities.

In haste

Yours fraternally

Alfred H. Kellogg
56 W. 10th St
New York City

6 May '68

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New York May 25 1868

Rev Sheldon Jackson
Rochester, Minn.

Dear Bro

Enclosed please find check for sixty eight dollars in payment of bills of Mary Chapin. I am not sure that this is the correct sum having mislaid your letter in which you state it. If not enough let me know. I hope she will prove very efficient and useful

My health is better than it was when I lived in S.C. but I fear it will not be full restored

Yours very truly
Wm R. Williams.

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Brooklyn June 3d -

Dear Sister Jackson, We were glad to hear from you all, but I do sigh in view of your wearisome round of earthly cares - which try so many of those who love, & truly serve God. Our Friday morn' prayer meeting (Women's Union) gives ample evidence of that - but many a burdened one goes away lightened & cheered from those sympathetic gatherings. Simply a church meeting, is nothing compared to the union of different denominations. God has smiled upon ours from the beginning, giving us answers, which so strengthens our faith.

D.V. Eliza & myself leave home Monday for Chicago, with a party of Friends - to stay with them a month, & then return to Herkimer Co for another long visit -

I should be delighted to have come your way — this will be our first journey West, & we expect to be delighted. I was ever so much pleas'd with photograph — now have the whole family, with house & Church —

Do not expect to return to Brooklyn before Octr. feel very sorry that Mr I is having a recurrence of prostration. wish he would take three wine glasses of cold Bonesett each day for a month — it is a grand Spring medicine.

It will be best for you to select your own hat, & I enclose ~~four at~~ six dollars. one can be better suited as to size & colour'd trimmings. I was puzzled very much to know how large a bonnet would please you

Mrs Trask Mrs Enos & Elvira desire Love, as does yours, truly.

S. M. P. Merrill.

Do let me know if you receive the money — my letters will be forwarded.

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Rev Mr Jackson

Dear Bro:

I have secured $50.- for 2 of the cases mentioned in your note to Mrs Graham, which I at once forward.

It is from "Mrs J. F. D. Lanier 16 W. 10th St New York City".

With Christian salutations

Yours fraternally

Alfred H. Kellogg
56 W. 10th St.

New York
14 June '68.

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July 10th

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Dear Sir,

When I received your letter, containing so many touching incidents of suffering among our Antipodeans, I felt that much as I sympathised I could not at that time do any thing myself - Now I am enabled to send you $50 - my sister adds $50 & a friend $25. So that I enclose you $125. to be applied as you deem best - It seems very little compared with what is needed, but as Mrs Kellogg sent you $50 I trust that it may relieve some most urgent necessities - It would seem to our

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earthly vision very hard that those who go forth to carry the word, & to preach Christ, should not have at least what is necessary to shield them from privation & daily want, but as we know, there there is a "need be", for all that God permits, & we must feel that in this too, there is a purpose, which shall be hereafter revealed to us.

When I received Mr Ovan's letter of thanks, it seemed so little that I had done, & yet what a rich return it had brought. If we could but make some feel, how the Lord returns tenfold, how much would be given! And yet we, only give what is His,

As presiding over the 36 Bible Readers employed in our City, I have many demands upon my purse, as well as my time. And my husband wishes to give according to his ability. I am much interested in the success of a paper, "The Christian at Work", & have directed that a copy should be sent you this year. Perhaps you may see best to send them some account of missionary needs, &c. –

With very kind regards & deep sympathy in your Church & in the West, I am very truly,

Mrs Graham

Mrs E. A. Graham. 20 Washington Square

New York July 27 1868

Dear Bro.

Your esteemed fav. of 24th inst is at hand Testing it a fav. providence that I have been brought into correspondence with you and thro you with our missionaries.

At times I am much tempted to withhold more than is meet Pray that grace may be given me to resist and overcome.

In Sept. next or soonis I expect to make you a fur this remittance

Please acknowledge for me the receipt of Sister Chapins letter She is quite too

exagerated in her expressions of thankfulness and after all owes it to Providence rather than to me

This having a charity fund to distribute tends often to blunt the emotional part of liberality. Having the money it is easier to give away. Yet there is to raise our souls a warm and fervent feeling of love and gratitude to the great giver of all our gifts.

Yours sincerely
Wm R Marriage

Rev Sheldon Jackson
Rochester
Minnesota ~~Iowa~~

St. Louis. Mo.
July 22d. 1868.

Brother Jackson

Bro Lyon in his last letter requested that I would send you a letter of acknowledgement for the $50.00 you sent me. I was under the impression I had done so.

I date the letter from Harrison, as I was there when the money was recd. I was sorry that I was obliged to leave Bro & return to St Louis.

I expect to preach here this summer, & if the warm weather agrees with me, to sail for India, & labor on heathen soil. Thanking you for your kindness to me I

trusting the Lord will
reward you & bless you
abundantly in your
labors I remain your
truly

C. R. Wilson.

Mr Jackson's paper of
the 20th inclosed is
all I can manage
this, you the other day.
Can't write more at
present. Yrs truly
H. W. Cockerill
Oct 27/08

Do you receive the
Ch'n at work? —

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For the Presbyterian.

AN APPEAL FROM MINNESOTA.

TO THE STEWARDS OF THE LORD'S MONEY IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Brethren—We are in distress. Our Board of Missions at Philadelphia has informed us that its treasury is empty, and that, therefore, "no new appointments can be made," and "reduction is inevitable."

We have several missionaries now on the extreme frontier *without commissions*, whom, urged on by the providence of God, we have encouraged to enter needy and inviting fields, and others are on the way to equally necessitous and important openings. Immigration is coming in upon us like a flood, as never before. New and important points are constantly claiming our attention, and calling for labourers, and we feel that we *cannot stop*, and yet hope for God's blessing.

"A necessity is laid upon us." Yea, a *woe*, instead of a blessing, will be ours, if we stand still, when the Master so plainly bids us "Go forward." In this stress, what shall we do, or to whom shall we go, brethren, but to the Great Head of the Church, and to *you, his stewards and agents*, in this great and godlike work of furnishing the bread of life to the perishing thousands who are flocking to us "as clouds and as doves to their windows?"

We are willing to labour and to suffer, to bear the burden and the heat of the day, for that is a small trial; but we are not willing to disobey God, and incur his displeasure, by saying we will not follow the pillar of cloud which has already gone on before us, and bids us "come."

Brethren, will you help us? We want your *prayers and your means*. All sums for our relief sent to the Board of Missions, 907 Arch street, Philadelphia, or to either of the undersigned, will be received as tokens of God's favour upon our work in these frontier States.

D. C. LYON, St. Paul,
District Missionary for Minnesota.

SHELDON JACKSON, Rochester, Minnesota.
J. IRWIN SMITH, La Crosse, Wisconsin.
J. G. RIHELDAFFER, Presbytery of St. Paul, St. Paul, Minnesota.
Chairmen of Presbyterial Committees on Missions in the Synod of St. Paul.

Saratoga Springs 89
July 8. 1867

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

Dear Sir

Enclosed you will find $4— issued of the sale of some toys, which I shall be pleased to have you dispose, where it will most promote the comfort of the laborers in our Western Vineyard. The Bard tells me that there are some young men laboring out West, without any compensation from the Board of Domestic Missions. If you think they need it more than the missionaries with families give it to them. I leave it to your judgment to do with it as you think best. I have a little more money—

in prayer. I had wished to
wait until I received it all,
but Mrs. Backus advised me
to send it at once. Wishing
you great success in your
labors of love for the souls
of sinners and requesting an
interest in your prayers I
remain, truly your friend
Mary E. Perkins

I hope the ladies may be
able to give a box this win-
ter for the Home Missionaries;
and any information which
you can afford us, as to
any family or families, age and
sex, who may need assistance
and what they will most need
we shall be glad to receive.
Please acknowledge receipt
of this money as soon as con-
venient. My kindest regards
to Mrs Jackson and a kiss
for "Daisy" I think that is
her name and her photograph
have been at my disposal ever

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New York Aug 24/68

Rev Sheldon Jackson.
Rochester Minnesota.

Dear Bro

Enclosed I have the pleasure of handing you a check for one hundred dollars in aid of your Mission Fund.

My health of late seems greatly improved; better in fact than I have enjoyed for some years

Yours truly
Wm R Funnegan

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New York Sep 14 1868

Dear Bro

Your welcome favor of the 2th inst came duly to hand

Enclosed please find check for one hundred dollars. Please send fifty dollars to Rev F. B. Dawes and carry the balance to a/c of your Missionary fund.

I am not living in N. B. but two miles out of town on the Easton Turnpike where you will always be welcome If you should arrive unexpectedly in N. B. you would not find the walk out burdensome even if you did not get a "lift" on the road but a line to me in season stating when you expected to arrive would ensure one meeting you at the depot. My boys daily take the train leaving N. Y. at 5 o'c and if with them you could meet our waggon at the depot

Yours truly
Jm R. Janeway.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.
Rochester. Minn.

Good bye at your leisure should be glad to hear from you - this is confidential -

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E. H. Hollister

Rochester Sept 1st 1868

Br. Sheldon Jackson

Dear Bro.

The Master whom you serve knoweth why I have not promptly responded favorably to His appeals made by you - He knoweth why I was so greatly prospered & why I was led in the fullness of my heart to write you as I did - He knoweth why I, sur... ...ded with every thing to make life happy - a competency to enable me to respond to His calls to every reasonable extent - an honored Elder by inheritance in the church in which I was born - a Father almost to the 200 children of the S. School. so that when their eyes saw me they blessed me - surrounded by all these & more

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a loving devoted husband
wife & two lovely boys - He
knoweth why my wicked
heart allowed the spirit
of the world so to lead me
away as to impend all of
these - He knoweth why when
surrounded by all the appearances
of wealth & obliged to maintain
the expenses of that position - that
I cannot as in times past - draw
on his fund in my hands - but must
say no. He knoweth wherein I was
unfaithful. He is teaching me I
hope - altho. a stranger to you comparatively
still we have one common "Master"
and you are smiling in His favor
& now dear Br. altho. I cannot gladden
your heart - still will you not pray
to the "Master" for the "Young Elder" - that
"all these things" may not come upon
him. that His Church may not
be dishonored by his folly and
inconsistency and that
He will graciously teach
him lessons of wisdom and
that if it shall come upon
him he may not "faint
in the day of adversity" if
~~it shall come upon him~~
And now dear Br. have
you any young friend whom
you love, surrounded by
the temptations of wealth and
great outward prosperity. Oh
Counsel them with all faithfulness
to take heed & beware of the
dangers by which they are
surrounded and to live
humbly & walk softly before God
thinking and faithfully following
the teachings of His Spirit as
made known in His word
then shall their hearts always
rejoice. and they shall have
no fear of Evil. they shall be

a blessing to the Church
to their families & to the
world - their inheritance
shall not be given unto
others - but it shall be a means
of growth in grace and of
heavenly inheritance whe
is being prepared for
who are faithful unto
the End - Have you ever preached
from the Text now so constantly in
my mind - "They that will be rich
fall into temptation and a snare
and many foolish & hurtful
lusts that drown men in destruction
& perdition" - if not - on some suitable
occasion I beg of you to preach
it. Especially to the young men - I know
there are many not only out of the
in the Ch. who are in danger from
this sin. who while having the way
that "seemeth right" to them are
pursuing the way of death warn, entreat
all such - Should prayers now being offered
after yours yet to ascend be answered favorably. I
may be able in the future to fulfill such engagements

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Newark N.J.
Sept 15. 1868.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir

Your letter that I rec some two weeks since, I regret to say has not been answered untill the present moment pressure of business, and duties, devolving on me, the reason, I am glad to be able to respond, in a measure, to your request, I had not the face to ask any of the brethren for assistance as we have all been giving pretty liberal in building a mission church in the lower part of our city, so I thought I would send you my check for Thirty five dollars, including Ten dollars from my brother Isaac, although the

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pressure is all most constant with us
yet. "We must remember the divine injunc-
tion, "To do good and communicate, to
forget not." I trust the Lord will
bless you more and more, and that
a blessed stream of influence shall
go forth from your church that shall
be felt throughout Minnesota.
how blessed it must be to preach
the everlasting Gospel. We enjoy
a most delightful young People's
Prayer meeting last evening, a very
solemn earnest meeting I assure
although there is no indication of a
in our midst, may we not hope for
one? Pray for us that our young
people may be converted.

Remain
Yours in Christ
Bonds.
Mrs Alling sends her kind
regards to you and Mrs Jackson
the boys also.

Mrs Alling

Mrs Merrill 94

Brooklyn Oct. 7th

Dear Brother Jackson your last was remaild to me while in Chicago. instead of one month, we stay'd there two & a half. we were still there when Dr. Lord went to Minnesota. I was pleas'd to find he knew you well. Before leaving C I enclos'd your last to Mrs Trask. who handed it to her Brother Frederick Marzyand (who has mislaid it) he gave her twenty for your Missionary to the "rod houses region" to which she has added ten. Mrs Wyckoff has given me five; which with fifty from myself makes 85, the three first are for said Missionary - my fifty please use as you find expedient for yourself, or others. Will you write me on receipt of this & tell me something more of the young Explorer & any other items of interest you may have - perhaps there may be some opening where interest may be elicited thereby.

Have our prayers brought any mone
into your treasury for the spread of
gospel? Let me know. Dr. Lord is dep
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with the gospel. I asked there in Chi
where is your hope for our Country?
The Sabbath School was the reply m
but I must stop it is late —
With much love for Mrs & yours
from E & myself, L. M. E. Merrill,

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Phila. (Oct. 1868?)
Chestnut st. 1525

Revd. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir,

I have given [illegible] ten dollars for the Indians [illegible] and ten dollars for the [illegible] in Alaska [illegible]. I thank you for the [illegible] of the Church in giving [illegible] of Christians in our churches.

Does the Divine blessing rest upon you in your efforts to save the kingdom of our dear Redeemer, and to provide for his deaf, dumb, blind, staving, dear children in the West?

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I wish you success to the Eastern

Have our prayers brought any mone
into your treasury for the spread of
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With much love for Mrs I & yours
from E & myself, L. M. E. Merrill,

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Phila. (Oct. 1868?)

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Denver,

I have received ten dollars for the "Indian's Friend" & ten dollars for the "Civilization of Tobacco-chewers."

I thank you for the courtesy & trust that when you calculate to give the above contributions to the churches.

Please do not fling reflections upon you in regard to a due appreciation of our Indian work. And to provide for the deep longing, yearning, burning desire in the breast.

While your visits to the East

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excited in my mind a desire at once, to relieve the case where money had been borrowed, at such an exorbitant interest. On ascertaining [illegible] you that the amount borrowed was $ 30. I determined to send you the amount immediately [illegible]

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appreciated the increased hardships
our missionaries
endure, now that our re
so greatly extended.

That the rich blessing of God may rest
upon you, and your life and health be spar
[illegible] for the Master in the h

Yours Truly
[illegible] of the Pres
[illegible]

since writing the above a young
handed me a dollar for the Mission
[illegible] enclosed

Dear Bro. Jackson, Phila. Friday A.M. Nov. 6. 1868.

If you go to Elizabeth N. J. within a week or two I want you to call & see Mrs Schenck at the house of her Sister, Mrs Alfred DeWitt. She will be glad to talk with you about several matters. But I want you especially to make the acquaintance of Mrs DeWitt, who is rich and generous, and is now warmly interested on behalf of our suffering Domestic Missionaries. She is a member of Bro. Roberts Ch., and has applied to me for the name of some really deserving Missionary for whom she may aid in getting up a box. But she wants one of a peculiar sort. I hope you will see & talk to her - I wrote to her today that I would ask you to call when you went that way.

Call again at my office when you have time -

Fraternally yours,

W. E. Johnson

Brooklyn Nov. 7th 68

Dear Brother Jackson - Yours of Oct. 3d was duly rec'd & met my expectations as to your whereabouts, & business, as I had heard of your being at Synod in N York, but more of this ~~before~~ when we meet.

Your pamphlet has not reached me. am very sorry.

Can you tell me of a needy Congregational Missionary, for whom Dr. Buddington's People could make up a box? - If so, please send his address.

I wish very much to see you, & hear of this change of work.

See the Trasks before you do me - Early in the morning I am almost sure to be in, say nine o'clock.

With kindest regards from both of us - truly S. M. P. Merrill.

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Enclosed please find a che
for ninety dollars -

$20 From Mrs Marquand
10 Mrs Frost.
10 Mrs Wyckoff -
50 Mrs Merrill.

a collection would now be taken up in aid of the funds of the Board but he wished the people to remember that his last quarter's salary had not been paid. His was cautious of like sort Narrow

Yours truly
Wm R Freeman

Rev Sheldon Jackson
Philadelphia.

New York, Nov. 6, 1868.

Dear Bro

Ever since we heard of your arrival in these parts we have been looking for your promised visit.

We shall be very glad to see you whenever it is most convenient to you.

You will find our carriage at the depot at N. B. on the arrival of the trains from Phila and N.Y., at 6½ or P.M., they arrive simultaneously. If you are visiting N.Y. at any time take the afternoon train leaving at some where about 4 o'c stay with us over night (or longer) and take the morning train from N.B. at 8 A.M., and you will arrive in N.Y. at 9½ or fresh for business. However suit your self.

Thus "earthen" has not interfered with your receipt. It was a narrow minded ebulition.

On a certain occasion after a sermon in aid of a certain board the pastor of the church arose and stated that

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Pa.

Near Christiana Lancaster Co

November 24th 1848

Rev Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir

Not knowing your address I hand you per Mr Powell Treasr. Board Domestic Missions a small check $10.00 being result of collections by the "little folks" in our Sabbath School attached to the Bellevue Church, of which Rev Jno. Elliott is pastor, situated at the Gap, Lancaster Co. They thought it could not reach a better destination than through you — and we desire that you will write us a letter encouraging the little ones — addressed to me — as above — And wishing you God speed in your labor of love — and praying that a kind Providence may have you in his holy keeping — I remain

very truly Your Friend

Jacob T. Gest

superintendent

Rev John Elliott.

Gap. Lancaster Co Pa

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Lancaster Nov 27th 1868

Revd Mr Jackson

Dear Sir

When you addressed the Synod in L. I was absent, & being desirous to aid the suffering servants of Christ & help forward the "good work". I would be pleased you would give the names & P.O. of some needy missionaries, or tell me how to aid them -

If any new cases of suffering comes within your notice please communicate it to

Your friend & well wisher

Anna M. Dale

Address -

Miss A. M. Dale

Care R. A. Evans Lancaster Pa -

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Albany, N.Y.
Dec. 10th 1868

Rev Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Bro., Suppose the Bd Dom. Missions set aside the District Superintendents and Bro. Lyon thus goes out of commission, ~~by~~ if we, i.e. State Street Sec. & h., would pledge three hundred dollars ($300) to his support, could you raise the balance $100, some where else? If you can, we make the pledge on the sole condition that Bro. Lyon from time to time furnish our Sunday School some interesting intelligence from his field.

I will drop a letter to the Secretary of the Exec. Com. of the

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Bd. regretting my absence
and stating my views on the
subject to be considered. I
do not know that my note
be read, but if (my views) they are of any
use to you they are briefly the
1 The great importance of the
District Superintendent or
Synodical Itinerant to the
successful prosecution of our
missionary work.
2 The nomination or recom-
mendation of the Superin-
dent by the Synod in whose
bounds he labors.

Please let me hear from
you with reg. to my propo-
tion about Bro. Lyon. Pray
that our Lord may direct Br
B. and order your path, and
Ever, Your in Jesus
Geo. D. Mc

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Mauch Chunk Pa
Dec. 14. 1868

Rev. Sheldon Jackson
My dear Bro.

Some very little girls in one of my Sabbath Schools, hearing my statements in reference to Missions in Minnesota, quoted from your own, have recently had a Child's Fair by which they have realized about $35. which they wish to appropriate to some needy Missionary, through you. I write therefore at their request to ask you to give me the name of some Missionary to whom it may be sent, who will acknowledge it in a brief letter to them, & thus encourage them in doing good.

As you are laboring in behalf of the Board and may be affected by their published "Caution" allow me to say that

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this special gift does not in the
affect the contributions to the Bo
except that it will tend to increa
the next years contribution.

We have already for this y
doubled our last years amoun
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Very respectfully
Truly Yours in Ch
J. Belvil

Fulton Dec 20

Dear Bro Jackson

We have raised for you about $50. I hope we shall make it $60. you intend money. But having just sent off $200. to Domestic Missions, & also sent you one box clothing & collection for Madura; & having sent a Box worth $150. to North Carolina, & last Tuesday another to West Iowa Booth valued at $120. & purposing to send still another to the one you lost letter mentioned, it comes a little difficult to raise this full amount. Besides shortly comes on Foreign

Mission's Collection.

Now where shall I send this Sum to you? You will have left St. Y. before it can reach you. If I am not called off I will meet you at Syracuse next Wednesday as you say thro' & will pay it over to you then & there. I am to be gone from home until Wednesday myself.

Please drop me a line as soon as you receive this. Can you not call on Mrs Lysander?

Cordially yours

A. K. Stan

I will send to Rochester or Rose for papers &c.

Christiana Lancaster Co. Pa.

Decem. 21st 1868

Rev. Sheldon Jackson
500 Broadway
New York

Dr Sir

Your esteemed favor of 15th inst. has just reached me having been directed to the Gap instead of Christiana, my post office, as above, and I reply at once as you request — The little sum $10.95 made up by the little folks in our Sabbath School was intended to be sent to you to make what disposition in your judgment might be best — and I am sure we will all gladly acquiesce in your suggestion to have it go to "the assistance of some needy Sabbath school in the West" and

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direction — and I very muc
regret that the sum is so trifle
I am the Superintendent o
the Bellevue Sabbath Scho
and you will please write us
letter in my care — and th
dear little children will un
with us who are older in pra
our Heavenly Father that
will richly bless you in y
labor of love while here a
when done with earth take
you to his blessful home a

With my sincerest re
I remain Your Brother in Ch

Jacob T. Test,

near

Christiana

Lancaster

[illegible] 21st. [illegible]

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[illegible] cause in the
[illegible] to the [illegible] in which
you are so earnestly engaged

[illegible]

Albany, N.Y.
Dec. 28th 1868

Dear Bro. Jackson

Your of the 26th from Lysander has just come to hand.

We will comply with your request, and assign the $300. to Bro. Lyon to support him as far as it goes, after Jan. 1st at the rate of his present salary per year. And personally it gives me great satisfaction that it goes to Bro Lyon and the North West. We will look to you and him for the correspondence with the Sund. Sch.

I pray blessing of God on you and your brethren. In haste

Fratl. Yours in Jesus
Geo. D. Hickman

Brief statement of the work of Rev. J. Mayhew in Minnesota during Sept. 1867.

Austin Minn. Mayhew 110.

1867. Arrived at Rochester Minn. Sept. 5th & spent Sabbath & following week in visiting & preaching at Stoughton, Dexter & Rochester; also preached a few times at Chatfield, and collected a few dollars towards a Church, by Rev. J. Wheeler & members of his church, for that purpose.

On Sept. 6th after a few days visiting of Presbytery, came to Austin, at the request of Presbytery — especially of Rev. S. Clark — to examine the field & report to next meeting of Presbytery at Lanesboro. The present prospects are not flattering. No fresh tracks

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Brief statement of the work of Rev. J. Mayhew in Minnesota to Sept. 1, 1867.

Austin Minn. Mayhew 110.

1867. Obtained at Winchester, Dear Borne, Dunnell & Jackson Co. April, 67. at Spring, Hanson & Woodland. Also preached a few times at Adamsville, and collected a few subscriptions towards in Sept. 67. Provided with a church of 12, & a little money in hand for that purpose.

In April, 67, after a year's absence of Presbytery, came to Austin, at the request of Presbytery — expecting to be Home Missionary — to examine the field, & report. Found a class of that church to be organized. Meeting of Presbytery at Rochester. In the present prospects are not flattering, no prospection.

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[illegible] church of
other as for years.

Baptists & Methodists have
rationalized & preachers are
bad character, the Congregation
likely [illegible] & [illegible] to a
[illegible]. Shelbyville has
considered the point and feel
it to be of great importance [illegible]
neglected, and more decidedly
favorable to any action of our
[illegible] to cultivate the field.

Believing the Station
will go I immediately entered
the question & commenced my labors.

We seven methodist [illegible]
almost every day — even [illegible]
We worship for a time
in the school house, holding
our services at 3 p.m. in the
[illegible] house until the
[illegible], during the Centenary months

we occupied the Methodist
church at 3½ p.m.

Afterwards we held a
meeting in the M.E. church at 7½
p.m. [illegible] at Shelbyville
[illegible] Chapel, & left for
home by the work, and delivered to-
the 24 of October, 68.

M. L. [illegible]

[illegible] fine [illegible]
had accumulated [illegible] a
[illegible] open & [illegible] to
[illegible] & [illegible]
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After the [illegible] received
[illegible] Dr. [illegible] [illegible]
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Sabbath
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Then you appoint a [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] usually do appoint such day during the week of prayer. Please [illegible] in connection with [illegible] meeting [illegible] and Congregation at my request.

[illegible] can [illegible] to go to my appointment.

Your fellow servant,

Jan. 1868

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South Bend April, 13

Rev S Jackson

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Very Dear Bro,

It is with pleasure that I comply with your request — I am still afraid that you wronged yourself by that act of Selfdenying generosity to me — If in any strait — let me know. —

I am happy to tell that my labors in Mankato are beginning to prove effective and successful — We have the best Choir of singers in Mankato — full congregation most of the time, and sometimes crowded — the tide has changed and we may soon expect a crowded house all the time. But I never dreamed till recently (informed from sources that I cannot hesitate to credit) what an amount of opposition has been brought to bear to defeat our enterprise — so vigilant, ceaseless, and unscrupulous as to means, and assertions — and which we must continue quietly to bear still for a time, till it reacts, — which reaction has already commenced. The author had better see to himself in time, — though from me he has nothing to fear. My plan is to work on — and leave my cause to my Master — I would be very glad to see you, and have you spend a Sabbath for me, and occupy my pulpit for the day — I can promise you a congregation now —. The prospects of both S

Brethren

places are brightening — Depot
to be built at the Bend.
Do come, if you possibly come.
— There are many things I should
like to consult with you about
out, — In fact I shall need
long, if things will go on at
the present rate, need a
colleague, (a good outside
worker in this field.) —
We are soon to have a
large accession to our church
in this region — the Churches
of the Calvinistic Methodists
(some 6 or 8) are moving
towards union with us
The same in Wis. Cousin
Come to see me, if you possi-
bly can — at all event
write. Where is Bro. Lyons
and how is he, and what is
he doing. Our United Christian
ian regards, — love to your
excellent lady. —
May God bless your labors
wherever you may be —
Fraternally & affectionately

J. M. Pryse

Waseca Minn.

Aug. 20th 1868.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I have just seen Maj. Young - He says they will enclose the building & give it two coats of paint on the outside - and sheat it, then put the tarred paper on it & board it vertically on the outside & batten it for $1650 - dimensions 22 x 46. This is independent of the cost of the paper which he does not know. Or he will finish it for $1930. Another party have made a rough indefinite estimate at $1800 finish - Size 22 x [illegible]. I think Maj.

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Young will do just what is rig[ht] in the matter and he is a "No 1" workman. Will you come up to Thacker this Evening and we will conclude a contract. Please bring with you the dimensions of those windows and the cost of the tarred paper. I shall look for you this Evening.

Yours in Haste

J. G. Patterson

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Presbyterian Board of Publication,
No. 821 Chestnut Street.

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Philadelphia, Jan. 9th 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Rochester, Minn.

Dear Bro: Mrs Schenck has requested me to answer your of Dec. 24th, which would have been answered sooner but for her absence from home for nearly two weeks.

Let me say in the first place that I have reason to believe that the Board of Dom. Missions has received such liberal contributions as enable it now to begin to commission new men, and I feel tolerably certain that if an application were promptly made on behalf of Bro. Cunningham, he would receive a commission.

Then in the second place, I

would be so, if, holding the position I do, to be brought into any conflict with the Board. Com. Missions, & if my wife & I should undertake to supplement Bro C's salary, apprehend it might be regarded as an act unfriendly to the announced policy & wishes of that Board.

But, in the third place, Mrs S. could not undertake to do more than send $100. at any rate & as she has given for the present what she had to give in Maine. She would rather give next in some other state - perhaps Iowa. She finds her sister, Mrs De Witt, already interested in other plans of benevolence for the present.

Should you, however, get a commission for Bro. C. & some free aid from other sources, she is inclined to give him the $100. for this year, in quarterly payments. But she will wait before deciding to hear from you again.

I have sent to Bro. Boag at

Cleveland, Ohio, this will answer & promised him for the year. Hope you will be able to help him. Yours, Fraternally, R. E. Griffith

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49 West 11th St

New York Jan 12th 1869

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

Dear Bro

I inclose the 35 dollars which were handed to me after your sermon in my church as a contribution to destitute missionaries. I think it best that you shall direct its application

I hope that by this time you are at work. Let me hear what the prospect is.

Give my regards to Mr & Mrs Armstrong and all the people

down town I will send
the tracts

Yours Tr.,
Wm McPerson

P.S. Did we agree that I
best ask the Board to appro
600 dollars this year to
Albert Lea, the latter on
collection next Sabbath

Brooklyn Jan. 14th (1869)

Mr Bro Jackson – Yours from Laysandor Dec. 23d rec'd. No use to regret we did not meet – so it was & through Mrs Frank, & yourself I think the position is plain to my mind.
If I can do any thing for you shall be most glad to do it. You have my yearly gift of fifty – with the Frank's – talking with her about your work she said, she was laying by garments for your field of labour – seemd to think favourably of it. You are not forgotten in my prayers

I enclose Mrs Walrdays note, & receipt –

Enclose your acknowledgment to me, & I will forward, not now recollecting her address.

Dr Martin has been lecturing in our Ch on our great Continent – with his map copied from the one in Washington, none other in the country.
What is God opening up to us through His Pacific R Road! This is the nation He is blessing & will bless unto the end. but the work must be done by us poor, weak, erring, mortals. May You be led, sustaind & bless'd, in doing your share. no more & no less. With love for Wife & self. Truly S. M. S. Merrill

Rev Sheldon Jackson.

Dear Sir —

Understanding through your letter to Mrs Walker that you can procure the "Presbyterian" for $1.50 per year, I enclose $3.00 to be appropriated in that way for the benefit of the Rev. W. P. Carson, Emmett, Iowa —

A Friend —

New York Jan. 20th 1869 —

Rev W. P. Carson died Jan 12th 69
Money sent to his widow

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N.Y. Feb. 11/69.

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49 West 11th St 120.

New York Feb 11. 1869

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

Dear Brother

Your letter has just been received. I am glad to know that the Missionaries in Minnesota are all supplied

I have secured six hundred dollars to support the gospel at Albert Lea, for the year beginning Jan 1869. I am in correspondence with the Board as to how to appropriate it. They propose to receive it and appoint the supplies from time to time as missionaries and send

the Attorney as I direct.
But this will be troublesome.
I think I will keep the
money in my own hands and
dispense it. It was given
to me specially for Albert Lea.
With this view I send you
my check for two hundred
and fifty dollars. - Perhaps
I should send it to the Session
and let them pay you But
it amounts to the same
thing and you can arrange
it with them. You should
have some definite understanding
with the Session as to what
your work, and salary shall be
and as to how long your
proposal to retain this —
you had better read this
letter to the Session and let
them understand precisely the
position of things - I will be
responsible for three hundred
and fifty dollars more for
the year extending from Jan.
1869 to Jan 1870, The Session
can arrange the matter and I
will pay the money under
their direction, -

Yours truly
William McPaxton

P.S. If the Presbytery has requested an
appropriation they had better not
send on the request until I

the
to keep the money or give it
to the Board, If I keep it
they need not send their
request to the Board. it c

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N. Y. Feby 13th/67

Rev S. Jackson

Enclosed please find the check for the amount of freight bills on box. I have mailed to day the papers for Rev W. R. Mercer as you advised me. it is truly a wonderful instance of the Grace of God. there is mercy for all who repent. My Father returns his thanks to you for your very kind inquiries for him. he is daily expecting, but does not yet leave his room. With kind regards

Yours truly

P. H. Lotherop

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To the

Revd Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir

I am so im-
pressed with the importance of
training up children in the way
they should go - that I wish to
give what time I can spare
in that way - the free daytime
& evenings I would like to help
some struggling Sunday School
or if you think best, your own

If you are doubtful about
not a place on the Truro
Field yet, and, perhaps too
enough for you to stop, I may
give time a fair speed, he
is still out of sight and
see the wagon of all

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to Reach the [illegible]

Gentlemen —

With kind regards for yourself and family

I am Respectfully

Chas. Wm. Lud[illegible]

(Rutledge R. Tatt[illegible])

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Brooklyn March 2. 1869.

Rev Mr Jackson

Dear Sir

we felt very much interested in the account sent by you. of your past labors. and success. and hope that your life and health may be spared in your new undertaking. Please find enclosed a ~~check~~ certified check for $200. We are glad to hear that your family are in good health. We are in usual health. When you visit Brooklyn.

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we shall be happy to see you.

Yours respectfully

Fobra Mill

286 Lex. Av.
Mar 19 1869

My dear Bro:

I have proposed to Mr Patton to let the arrangement stand by which the Board pays 250$ of his Missionary's salary & to transfer the $250 which he received otherwise than from

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to you for the pamphlet
of something the devil
from the Evening
as you suppose is
in on Monday.

Mr Patten consents
Esther. Please let
Mr Hagen know
when the money

To Miss Esther Curtis
Care Mrs Hill
Hill
for Mr Murray
J. O. Murray

My dear Bro:

I have thought over your letter of the 25 Feb and consulted with judicious friends in reference to its contents

I was very sorry to read that sentence viz: "And because I rec'd funds last season from private sources to help suffering brethren, I can rec. no help from the treasury of the Board of W. M. . But am entirely dependent for a support in this work upon the free will offerings of friends interested in the work"

I gather from this that you have cut loose from the Board and intend to work for the Master on your own account. I am very sorry that you have so decided and that there has ~~come~~ arisen any misunderstanding or coolness between yourself & the Board. Our Church & Society desire to work through the Board. This is the only proper course for us to take. Some of us begin to appreciate the difficulties under which the Board has labored & are not disposed to increase them. The special donations of my people made through you last winter were not to be taken as evidences of disloyalty to the Board but as <u>Special calls</u> in the at that time emergency of the cause. Our efforts will in future

be given to the general treasury of the
(increase of the)
while, as always so now & in the future,
Ladies will be glad to receive applicat
for their boxes.

The Board protests against special d
and we now see wisely.

While I write thus, be assured th
have not lost confidence in you in the
degree. We think you are acting unw
in acting independently of the Board b
attribute it to your great zeal begotten of
what you have seen. Excuse my
frankness but be assured that we
every success in this endeavor of yours, if it
be undertaken in the fear of God & from
sense of duty, as we believe you undertake it.

Mrs Graham informs me that she
do nothing now in this direction.

As long as we have a Board of
must work through it.

Yours fraternally & with regard

Alfred H. Kellog
29 E. 10th St.
New York City

5 March 1869

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Rev Mr Jackson

Dear Brother:

Mr James Brown of "21 University Place New York City" an Elder in my Church, will pay $150.- to employ one of the missionaries of whom you spoke to-day for the 4½ months. Please confer with him.

Very truly Yours

Alfred H. Kellogg
29 East 10th St.
New York City

March 15: 1869

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215 Madison Av. N.Y.
Mch 4/69

Rev. Sheldon Jackson
Dear Sir.

I received in due course your favor of 24th. ult. Mr. Phelps was very much pleased to receive your letter, remarking, that the reading of it, was worth the $50 to him. I mailed to you on the 24th ult. checks for $50 from Messrs Ely and Bliss, elders in the Bowie Church. Your visit in this section, has awakened an interest in the churches, on the subject of Home Missions, which I trust will not soon subside. I have sent to Rev. S. B. Jackson, a selection of books which I trust he will find profitable in the preparation of his sermons and missionary work. I did not send him the list he asked for, but a portion of it, adding others that I had on hand. I will

be glad to send a few books, tracts and literature, occasionally, where you think they do good service. Mr. Boag, from Eldon, Iowa, was quite successful in collecting money here, for building his church. He seems to be a man of the right spirit and made a favorable impression. Wishing you God speed in your missionary labors.

I remain

Yours truly,

H. H. Conning.

Telluride is my mail.

[Dec 186?]

Bridgeton N. J.
Sat Morn

Rev. & Dear Sir

I have this moment reached home from Synod and find your's awaiting an answer —

We take a collection regularly on the 1st Sab. in each month for For. Mis. We put Dom. Mis. on the 3rd Sab. trusting a bearing time —

But of course if it will facilitate yr. movements come for the second Sab. as you propose, and I will expect you then —

Yours in the work

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

Caspar W. Gregory

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$125 – contributed
by the Ladies, &
$125 – from the
Sea Reis
for other charity
one hundred.
Please act so
as carefully & no-
-ment[illegible]. $50 – from
the Steelers, one
hundred – Hope of more
next.

Yours truly
H. H. C.

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216 Madison Avenue,

New York, Oct. 20th. 1868.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir.

I have several of your interesting letters remaining unanswered, for reasons beyond my control. I greatly regret the situation in which our Mission Board has fallen. It is a great reproach to our Churches. I believe there has been a conference of our City Pastors with reference to raising funds for the Board, and some special efforts will be attempted for the object and I trust they will be successful in securing sufficient funds to sustain the missionaries the coming winter. It has occurred to me, that if you could visit the Churches here and in some other cities, you might awaken a more lively interest regarding this important subject. It would appear to be

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unfortunate that Mr. Dickson was not permi[illegible]
to take the Secretaryship, as he is consider[illegible]
a proper man for the position. It is hope[illegible]
all right and the great Head of the Chu[illegible]
will raise up right instruments in his ow[illegible]
time for the promotion of his cause).

The efforts of yourself and Mr. Tryo[illegible]
provide for the Missionaries are worthy of [illegible]
praise and you will have your reward in the [illegible]
time. Let me hear from you if you [illegible]
any suggestions to make and I can [illegible]
serve you.

I remain (with esteem)

Yours truly.

(Rev. Th. Corning).

E. B. C.

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that I invited him at his earliest convenience to preach for me, and to repeat the same statement of facts which he gave at the Synod. – Many of these incidents are known to me personally and I feel anxious that they should be known and weighed by the whole church –

Rev Wm M. Paxton

Thursday of this week is the day.

To First Presbyterian Ch New York City

Your Pastor who is absent this morning preaching by appointment at the reopening of the 40th Street Church desires me to read the following notices.

The Congregation will be addressed this Morning by the Rev Sheldon Jackson of Minnesota who by request will make a statement of the progress and trials of the Missionary work upon the frontier. Mr Jackson was a friend of your former Pastor and has been known to me for many years as one of our most efficient Ministers in Minnesota.

At the request of the Board of Domestic Missions he has been attending the Meetings of the Eastern Synods to give information in reference to the work. His statement before our own Synod was so impressive

(Ans)

Lis Lafette Ser R.I.
Jan 2nd 1860

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir

We have sent boxes of excellent clothing to Mr Hair, to Mr Rankin & to Mr McMahon all of whom you wrote about.

I have sent you through Mrs Walker $50 Cash to aid in making up the sum you asked for. I have solicited money from other friends but have not met with little success.

After keeping out some of the food which was collected for the boxes, in cotton, cloth &c, there was some remaining which I have asked Mrs Walker to add to my $50 to send to you, which she says she will do.

If I can raise any more money for you I will do so with pleasure.

With great sympathy for your work,

I am very truly yours

Nettie F. McCormick

Can you send the name of another needy mission we have done nothing where this box did this year in the other boxes. Please send at once yours of Commerce

308 West Fayette Street
Baltimore Dec. 24, 1868

Rev. J. Jackson

My dear friend

You don't know how very much I am obliged to you for the pleasure of receiving these two old gold & you could have sent me nothing that I should be actually more. Your Sabbath with us was very pleasant to each one of us – we recur to it often & hope that sometime in the future the acquaintance may be renewed & grow into a lasting friendship.

To-day is extremely cold tho' I dare say you would call it "a pleasant winter day" but we tell a little differently. I wish you could come here this coming Christmas week. The streets are full – everywhere & shop with fathers & mothers & children – every body has a bundle or package of some kind & sweet

Today bears a smiling face. Yet dear Tom
in many years and ones from me do not
see - to bring Christmas-day bring very little
of cheer, in worldly comforts or the higher
better hopes commemorated by the day.

Except kind remembrances from each
& every one of us. May you all Father
Mother & little ones have "a merry Christmas
& a happy New Year" & be greatly blessed in
"your work of faith & labor of love" among
those who "sit in darkness."

Tom rode from New York & receiving this
morning. Sophie has acknowledged the
receipt of the engravings some but have
been somewhat occupied with Fanny - the
has Measles - a second attack - but is now
nicely now.

With regard

Yours

Celia M. Dickson.

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New York Jan 30

Rev Sheldon Jackson (1868)

Dear Sir

Very soon after the receipt of your last letter we prepared a box of clothing for each one of the families you mentioned as requiring aid namely Rev D. W Rankin, Rev Samuel G. Ware, and Rev R. T. McMahon and also one for a Missionary from New York who asked our assistance through Dr Hall. To day I received a letter of thanks from Mrs McMahon and presume

I hope God is blessing you
in your Mission work and
giving you souls to be
Christ - It is late on
Saturday evening and I
not send you a Carlisly
written letter but as he
may need the money
bill not delay longer.

Your truly
Christian friend
C L Walker

117 E 21st St.

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Germantown Phila
Nov. 21, 68.
1868.

Dear Dr Jackson.

Please know a day or two more, when it will be convenient for you to address the 2d. Pres. Ch of Germantown on the subject of Domestic Missions.

I think we can get a cheering contribution — provided you will lay before us the wants of the field & the work of the missionaries.

Yours truly
Wm. E. Sparks.

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Dear Sir
Will you take
the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] to the [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible]
for several [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
for her wife and children.
They were [illegible] the things [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] at a time when
greatly [illegible], and when
it is [illegible] [illegible] to
[illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Yours [illegible] the [illegible]

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W W McNair

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Phila March 6th 1868

Dear Bro Jackson - Bro Lyon wrote me lately that he could not get along with less than $1150 a year, not including $100 a year for Insurance Policy, which he said would have to drop. I have arranged for his insurance this year & have spoken with Dr Janeway & Musgrave & others of Executive Bd of Board in favor of having his salary raised to at least $1250. They are favorable if he is considered the man for the place by the Brethren. There is no reason why Bro Lyon with family should get only what Bro Mitchell & others get who are single - Bro Mitchell is now here & will favor increase of salary to Bro Lyon, and recommends that you should write to Executive Bd & stating the difficulty of retaining Bro Lyon, & his need in view of family expense of living & of having at least $1250 - I write to

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you about ten days ago, at suggestion
of Dr Panning, advising him to make
an appeal for $1250 - Mrs Jones
had written to Board, without Jones
knowledge, but such letters often
do more harm than good - Now
as though a woman thought her
husband incompetent to attend
his own business, & sometimes a woman
will make a touching appeal which
is found out to be deceptive, & thus
the Board have learned to be suspi-
cious - Jones does not yet know it
I suppose that his wife wrote, & you
can tell him or not as you think
best - Mitchell has business with the
Ex. Com next Monday which will
make it best not to bring up Jones
case until next meeting - Please
write your letter as soon as possible.
It was through you partly that Jones
was appointed & hence the propriety
of your writing now -

Fraternally Yours
N. N. McRae

Rev. J. G. Patterson

Waseca Minn.

Friday Evening.

Aug. 21st 1868.

My Dear Bro:

I recd. your note this Evening informing me that you would come up to Waseca on Tues. Evening and preach. I am very glad to accept of the proposal and hereby express my approval of the wisdom of such a measure to have the subject brought before the people. I will announce service for the Evening and so agitate the matter in other ways as to have you a good audience.

I hope Bro. Lyon will be present too. I shall expect your presence on Tues. evening. I saw Maj. Young again this Evening and told him we would conclude a contract with him when you come up next week. You know I am inexperienced and I wish therefore to have your counsel and approving presence in the matter. I saw the Mankato Stage agt & he said he would take you over in daytime if there were four of you. If you wish to make any further arrangements & will write me I will attend to the matter for you. I am very glad to tell you that I had a note from Bro Ewing this Evening saying that because of affliction in the loss of his little son my case had been postponed, but that he had laid the matter before his people on last Sunday morning & in the Evening took up a collection amounting to $80 - he thought there would yet be some additions to this sum and he would send me $ a check for the whole amt. in a few days. I am very

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Much encouraged by this manifestation on the part of his people and hope & pray that the blessing of God may rest upon them abundantly. I hope you will bring one of those windows with you if possible. If you have any opportunity before you come up next week I wish you would see Genl. Sprague or Mr. Stewart and ask them whether we could not get a reduction -tion of freight on lumber from Winona and Stone from Kasson. I wrote to Bro. Gage concerning the stove Stove yesterday but have not heard from him. I will mail you the photograph J. G. Patterson

your Bro in X

W. W. McStair 138.
(Ass't Secy Business)

713 North 20th St. Phila
August 27th 1868

Dear Bro. Jackson

A day or two after receiving your letter I was called into the Country upon business, and only returned yesterday. Before I left I called upon Friend Powell and after some introductory pleasing conversation I stated that I had received a letter from Minnesota asking me what was the trouble in the Board in refe to Bro Lyon &c. I learned from my interview that the Executive Board had received no complaints against Bro Lyon or his mode of labor, but that they had become tired & somewhat impatient of his dictatino letters. that he had seemed to have misunderstood the nature of

the work the Board had given him to do - aiming to get as many men into the field as possible and occupying feeble points rather than strong salient ones thus increasing the expenses of the Board, really instead of aiming to help the Bd in its need, and leaving the Board to come up to the work, go a head & trust the Church to sustain it, &c - The action of the Com^ee was the result of the reading of a letter from Br Egon to Mr Powell & of a felt dissatisfaction with the way he was conducting the work & the tone of his letters - Such was the account of the matter I got from Mr Powell though he personally felt very kindly to Br L - The fact is, I suppose, the Executive Com^ee have been feeling very sensitive & even sore under the complaints of the Church, expressed in Gen Assembly & in other ways, and have not been in the best temper for acting upon such earnest letters as Br Egon has written - They have, as Mr Powell expressed it, heard so much of the cry "go a head & trust the Church to sustain you" until perhaps that they have become a little cry and stubborn - I told Mr Powell that I supposed Br Egon had only carried out the idea of our Brethren in Minn^a and asked whether he had received such instructions from the Board as to the exact work they wished him to do. Mr Powell thought that very likely Dr Jameway had been negligent in writing as fully as he should have done, being so busy getting ready for the Assembly, &c -

My opinion is that the trouble and most if the trouble in reference to the want of success of the Board has arisen from the inefficiency of Dr Jameway. Bro Egon may have been imprudent in the tone of his letters. I see no hope for a change for the better until new men & a new spirit are secured. Dr Jackson of Baltimore has accepted the Secretaryship

I hope for a deep state of things, but we want also new men in the Ex Com &c &c – And I wish the Church would appoint some one of its live worldly laymen to such positions – men who have had success in business & in world for Christ & who know how to present an appeal for money so as to capitalize worldly men, and who would bring into the whole work the earnestness & tact and ability which they have learned to exercise by their previous training & success. Mr Powell said there was plenty of time for the good of St Paul or the Presbyteries of the State to give expression of their satisfaction with Br Lyon & his work and then come to have him continued. &c – I think it would be well to secure such action, especially for the new Secretary. I have given you a very full & plain statement of what I have learned & hope you can act without compromising Mr Power to advantage – It may be best to show this to Br L. He has not written me on the subject though Mrs L has written Mary. Do as you think best in the whole matter. Mrs McC. sends her kindest regards –

Yours very truly W. W. McRae

September 2, 1868

[illegible] Resolved, that this Presbytery, in view of the [illegible] of the Presbyterian Church, in connection with the B.d of D.M. do hereby give public and official expression of their sense of its necessity, to the efficient and economical carrying forward of the great work of Home Evangelization and further they do earnestly protest against the proposed removal of the present incumbent, considering the Rev. D. B. Dyon, as emphatically the "right man in the right place".

Unanimously passed in session at Omaha Nebr.

Sept 2d 1868

Submitted to the Synod of St. Paul and the B.d of D.M.

John C. Gage
Geo. Allen
Ross B. Mirin
Silas Chapelle Moderator

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Muscatine, Ia.
Sept 4th 68

Rev. S. Jackson
Dear Bro.

Yours of the 27th ult has been received. I would be glad to see our state divided, and a District Secretary appointed for our work. The brethren are, and I know of no one that I would rather have in that office than myself.

It is rather a delicate matter to get Bro Mason &

out of the war
as he is a member
of our Synod, and
may desire to se-
cure our Synod as
his field. The
Board appointed
him without con-
sulting anybody,
and right against
the application in
behalf of a
far better man.
Brethren that ap-
peared to pay two
hundred dollars
a year toward his
support.

The impression
so far as I know
is that the man
is about as useless

in this position as
a fifth wheel
in a wagon.
He has organized
two small churches
in between two &
three years, — a
thing that we might
be constantly doing
if we could only
get ministers to
take charge of
them.

It is supposed,
(such how much truth
I know not) that
he is employed
more as a spy
on the missionaries
than anything else.

I was through
several counties in

the northern part
of our State on
my trip from
Minnesota, this sum-
mer. I found our
Church almost un-
known. Our people
there have been
swallowed up by
other denomina-
tions, Congre-
generally by
gationalists. It
this to me your
fields that are
well filled to take
hold yet.
Our annual meets
on the 1st October
Glad to see you there.
Yours truly
J. Armstrong
J. Armstrong

3917 Locust St.
West Philad.
September 15th, 1868.

Rev. & Dear Sir,

Sometime ago I rec'd a letter from you which I desire now to acknowledge. I have been much occupied in removing from my former residence & in the opening of school. It seemed moreover very doubtful to me, how far I should be doing justice to the committee, or rendering any service to Dr. Lyon by furnishing what was asked.

The missionaries would every one like the board to do more, but they forget that the board is only a conduit pipe between the liberality of the church, such as it is, and the wants of the field. It is not fair to blame the pipe, for it cannot deliver

more than it receives.

But some think the board shd raise more. I think so too, if possible. And why not possible? Last fall it was made the part of the Corresponding Secretary to bring some of our missionaries east to stimulate the churches before the November collection. It was & is the most hopeful thing we can do in the way of trying to get larger collections. Dr. Janeway did not succeed in getting one of our missionaries to do this, yet they think the board ought to raise more money. This, my dear sir, & respected Christian Brother is looking to attain ends without the means. The ordinary means cannot surely be expected to produce more than the ordinary revenue.

May we receive faith, wisdom to devise means, self denial to apply them & have the joy of seeing large results.

Very resp'ly & truly
yours,
W. D. Gregory.

To Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Rochester,
Minn.

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Committee

by the Synod of St Paul. September 24th 1868

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Your Committee have had under consideration the Letter [illegible] Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions [illegible] Executive Committee of the Board desired to recommend the Rev. A. C. Lyons as Missionary Minister for Synod of St. Paul and we have to report the following for the adoption [illegible]

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[illegible] Their
Salaries through the agency
[illegible] relation with the Ex. Com.
in mutual confidence.
We have endeavored as the
servants of the Church to be
faithful in the cultivation
of the field committed to
our care, and have sought
from the Board from time to
time only such aid as in
[illegible] field, have
[illegible] to meet [illegible]
may have over-

[illegible] a [illegible]
[illegible] the Journal [illegible]
not [illegible] claimed as our
right, [illegible] our allegiance
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Continued in the face of the unanimous neglect of the Synod. In view of these considerations we do so most earnestly & respectfully request the Bd of Domestic Missions to continue an agency as District Missionary for the Synod of St. Paul. In making this request we assume the Board that we are asking what is best for the interests of the Church in this Synod and what will call forth generous sympathies and kindly feelings. But should the Bd refuse this we beg leave to ask that provision be made out of the funds of the Board

Mission, and that no
Baptist Missionary has
a claim for our State.
At the same time the
[illegible] cause the
Board and the Secretary
[illegible] District Missionary that
towards himself as a
[illegible] ~~brother~~
Christian brother we cherish
the feelings of personal
& fraternal regard, and
we assure the Board of
our unabated interest in
its financial prosperity
and our desire no which
[illegible] the aid and support
of all the fields of Mission
work, similarly situated
upon the very frontier
[illegible] with our own and
we do not [illegible] [illegible]
anything from our efforts
to sustain its operations
Elsewhere be [illegible]
our contributions [illegible]
to its treasury or
diminishing their [illegible]

Synod of Iowa North in Session at Cedar Rapids Iowa. Oct 3. 1868

Rev. J. Armstrong offered the following which was adopted

Resolved, that in view the rapidly increasing population of our state, now numbering about one million souls and of the grand lines of R. Roads, being constructed through our state, with the numerous villages and cities springing up along these & on our vast prairies, we believe that in order to render the plan of Christ Missionaries effective, we need more than

and is required in Iowa.

2nd We would therefore respectfully suggest to the Bd. of Mis., that they consider the propriety of appointing another Mis. ionary in this state, as soon as their funds will permit, whose field shall be the Northwestern R.R. & the territory lying between it & the Minnesota line; & that he be especially directed to visit the new settlements, & towns, not contiguous to the fields now occupied by our missionaries, & to secure organizations where desirable & foster them & as soon as practicable, to use for them the regular ministrations of the Word.

3rd That a com. of six be appointed to nominate one whom the Synod may recommend to the Board for this position.

J. W. Cornfield
Clerk of Synod.

Cedar Rapids, Oct. 3d 1856.

Oct 3. 1868

Mr. J. Pickering sends his
compliments to Mr Wightman
and requests for District
Court the Term

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Rev Sheldon Jackson
Rochester Minn

An offering to some
or more of the pioneers
in Minnesota, or Colorado,
who are in great need, as
described in morning.

The enclosed notes are
from the children of a
family.

Sunday morning
11 Oct 1865

Mrs Sheldon Jackson

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7 West Penn Square,
Philada.
Oct. 13 - 1868.

My Dear Bro. Jackson:

It was so late yesty after the adjournmt. of the Board that the Exec. Comm. were compelled to adjourn till Thurs. afternoon at 3½, - when the matter of yr. apptmt. as Dist. Missy for Iowa will come up. - I will tell you with all candor that there is somewhat of a bore feeling in the Comm. & Board with reference to any one in their service doing any work or stirring u

any interest in the general cause which shall operate in any way independently of the Board. - I assured them that in your address to my people you did most emphatically urge an increased sympathy & aid for the whole work of the Bd. - that you did not present Minnesota with any special urgency except as illustrative of the general field - & that you pleaded for the replenishing of the empty treasury of the Bd. - Some jealousy has been felt because of the movements of Mr. Lyon & perhaps yourself so far as they tended to divert funds from the main treasury, even tho. ~~it~~ they went towards the same good cause. - And I think you must see that there is ground for such jealousy

& work in the interest of the gener
~~cau~~ cause - You will give very
great satisfaction to all the
members of the Board - Say all
you can for Minn. & Iowa - but
don't forget Colorada & so. other
place. - And tell every one that
offers you money - to send it to
the Board - or else take it &
send it on at once to the
Treasurer. - God bless & help
you in yr. great work.

Yrs. with regard & affec.

Jas. M. Crowell
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if such things are done. It wd evidently be a violation of the principle on which the Board is organized - as the receiving & dispensing Agent of the Church for the whole Domestic Field. - And it belongs to the Bd to say where the money that any persons contribute shd be most efficiently expended. - I say this to you - frankly & kindly - because I am anxious that you shd be posted as to the feelg here & that you shd in yr appeals to Synod - be careful as to this point. - You will address some scattered members of the Bd in every Synod - & I wd suggest to you to ascertain who they are at every Synod & secure their aid & co-operation & let them feel that you look to them to help you shoulder the matter & carry it through. - We wd gain very much if we cd secure their real co-operation. - I believe if you are judicious

Kasson 21st Nov. "68

Rev. Thos. Jackson

Dear Bro.

I have just returned fr. Rochester — Sheep without a shepherd they are — & they begin to feel it.

Mr. Andrews says they are not going to be in a hurry, are willing to wait &c —

Dr. Barry has declined — goes to St. Paul — Ch was closed last Sab. & will be to morrow I am sorry it is so —

Mr. Elder hopes when you come back you will help them — Mr. Amelie preaches to morrow week —

Mr. Elder says this is unwise — He was not consulted in / invitation

Some one remarked that more than half / Ch. now would vote for you to re-

main — Public sympathy
is changing greatly — As Mr
Paden said he was glad you
had done as you did

Mr. Devoe is at Spring Valley
But perhaps he can yet be obtained
ed as "Supply" —

I attended a "social" at Dr.
Fletchers is Mrs Hyatts — There are
being private plan of meeting at prive
houses — Mrs Allen
is failing fast / past three days —
I had prayers with her yester
day — The Dr. thot she would
not live thro / night — Sho
was still alive this morning.

When may we depend
on seeing you? I would like
to have you here at / dedication
of our Ch. And I have thot it
might be better to defer dedication
till Jan. so as to give
a little time between paying subscription
& / extra call to pay debt
— What is your advice — Shall you be unseated
dedicate?

Yours John L. Page

I wrote you last week asking for bedding &c for my study can you obtain it? Or shall I purchase it and carpet. I get scarcely one cent for people—

I am glad you have an appointment for N. Iowa—

By the way "the little red cow" is dead!! & Charlie has had a sore back in consequence— He let her get into the corn field!!!

Call at Boards rooms & report I will try & get the Pres. Records for Ainslie— Next week Tan association meets at Minneapolis

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Albert Lea Mission.
Decr. 6th, 1868.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:

Doctor Paxton writes me that he thinks it will be so you can come and preach to our people and labor to forward our new Church enterprise, &c. We shall be pleased to have you come. I think the people should be stirred to action and there seems to be a fine field for labor.

It is the first Church started, and has the favor of every one at present, but there is no one who is calculated to arouse the people in Church matters, there being no minister. I have labored to forward the building, and flatter myself that success has so far attended my efforts. Although not a professor, technically speaking, I am yet much interested in having the Church proper flourish in all things, as well as the building.

The edifice is not ready for use this winter but is finished outside, painter's coats, back plastered, &c.

Please write me soon upon the subject. I write at the request of those most interested, including the Elders.

Very respectfully,
A. Armstrong.

Extract of letter from Rev Charles Jerome
Clinton N.Y. Dec 21. 1868.

Rev Sheldon Jackson
Rochester Minn

... I have not the charges & specifications by me, as they were left in the hands of Buffalo City Presbytery. The charges however were Adultery with several specifications; also Sabbath breaking & Intemperance.

The charge of Adultery was first brought to my notice by the husband of one of my members on his deathbed: he gave me the particulars of Aikin's having years before seduced his wife. After his death the widow made affidavit that the facts thus revealed by her late husband were true. Two or three other affidavits of similar character were also obtained, all of which were laid before his Presbytery. But they seemed to look upon it as simply a New School persecution & did nothing. A paper however was some time after drawn up, stating that there were no new rumours concerning said Aikin, but that they had long been cur

-rent in the community where he lived: this paper was signed by the Elders of our church and some forty others of the most respectable citizens & sent to the Bible Society for which Citkin had long acted as Agent.

This brot the Presbytery to action. They requested me to prosecute it. They met at Ellicottville N.Y. where the parties resided. But when the trial came on, they refused repeatedly to hear our most respectable witnesses, & so conducted proceedings that we could not get the truth before them. Seeing they had prejudged the case we declined having anything further to do with ~~them~~ it, & left the papers in their hands to do as they saw proper. They then acquitted him.

Soon after he sued me for slander, laying damages at $7000. The case was tried at the Court House in E'ville. It excited deep interest, many clergymen being present. Despite the chicanery of his lawyers, the

facts were gotten sufficiently before the Court to satisfy both the jury and the community. Eleven of the jury were at once for bringing in six cents damages; but thro' the perversity of the 12th man, rather than disagree entirely, they brought in $25= damages. That trial finished the man for that community. The Bible Society dropped him; & he soon lost what little influence he had.

He subsequently moved to Minn. & I have understood studied law. Presume however, he may still call himself a minister, & be still preying upon the sheep.

We who have long known him in various business & church relations, know him to be one of the most unscrupulous of men, possessing really no sort of religion or even decent moral character.

I have written you at your request thus frankly & you are at liberty to use this letter as you deem best, for the furtherance of the cause of the Gospel.

Very truly Yours in the Lord Jesus, (signed) Charles Jerome.

Resolutions unanimously adopted by the members of First Presbyterian Church of Rochester Minnesota at a meeting of the Congregation held Jan 28th 1869

Resolved That while we as a Church and Congregation accept the resignation of our Pastor Mr Sheldon Jackson and unite with him in petitioning Presbytery for a dissolution of the pastoral relation that has existed between us, we would take this opportunity to express our deep and grateful sense of his earnest and faithful labors among us

Resolved that the labors of Mr Jackson have been greatly blessed during the five years of his pastorate here and many, we hope have been brought to a saving knowledge of the truth and the Church has been greatly increased and strengthened

Resolved that while we regret the separation that is to take place we with his family will have the prayers and best wishes of this Church and Congregation for their prosperity and success in the wider field of usefulness to which in the Providence of God he is called

Resolved ~~Signed~~ That a copy of these resolutions be presented to Mr Jackson and a copy sent to the Presbytery of Southern Minnesota

(Signed) James Elder
President

(Signed) J. H. Jones Secretary

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Huntsville March 30th

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I wrote to you from the Post office on receipt of yours of the 25th. I have been thinking over the matter since I came home & just having sealed a letter to Bro Lyon, I have concluded to send you a copy of my letter to Dr Musgrave & if you can in the light of the fact that I have declined the Conf. ~~sta~~ came from the Bd for investigation, this may make amends for my mistake as to the import of your telegram. If not count me out so much for the year, take $250 from Mr Patton's

$600.

fund, & turn me over to "other
revenue" with the balance for
my support —

I am sorry to have
returned the commission to the
detriment of the general cause
but to tell you the plain truth
my dear Bro. I had been
aching for just such an op-
portunity to send back Dr Ms
Commission — I have seen
the Record for March —
"Spicy," do you call it? I think
you had better hunt your
vocabulary of adjectives
over again & pick out some
stronger word perhaps
unsavory will answer if
you give it a good margin for
construction — Perhaps
the author would like some
thing more for his field —
But I want to suggest too strongly
as to the authorship of these
suggestions — Here goes for Dr Musgrave

(Copy)

Waukesha Wis March 26th 1869

Rev G. W. Musgrave

My dear Sir

The enclosed Commission was rec'd some time ago. I have been deterred from giving it an attention before this by the sickness of my Mother & sister & by the pressure of other business

I am rejoiced to learn thro our church papers of the greatly improved condition of the Bd of Dom. Missions & I am happy that I am able, by God's kind providence, to add a little to your ability to help others, or to swell the surplus to be reported to the next General Assembly by declining & returning my commission for $250. for this year —

The Master has seen fit to provide for my wants thro' avoc

channel, for which I am very grateful

Though my little church is not now on the list of the Bd's beneficiaries it is a Presbyterian Church & is interested in all the institutions of the church & we will, as we have done, pray for Gods blessing upon the Bd & and its operations as far as we can –

Very truly yours in the Gospel –

Edward Savage

I hope that in as much as "the little brat" dont want their red tape to play with, Bro Powell & so m. will be willing to give the same ball to some of the other "young 'uns"

With kind regards to your family yours in the Gospel

Ed Savage –

Edwd – Savage

We regret that in this disregard to the decided and abiding convictions and wish of the Synod and the Presbyteries, as to the necessities and interests of the field, with the inspection to which our work of Church Extension has been subjected by the Board in sending an Agent to examine the composition of our Churches, and the character of our work, we see what seems to us an unnecessary and unwarrantable encroachment upon the oversight and jurisdiction of our Churches, on the part of the Board, which can be exercised only by the Presbyteries, the Synod and the General Assembly — to whom alone we are responsible. And feel that while we are so few in number, and yet of resources so small, nearly all of our churches would be dependent on the Board, it must be left to the discretion of the Presbyteries, and where their efforts are to be expended.

[illegible] April [illegible]

[illegible]

We the undersigned members of the Session of the 1st Presbyterian Church of Nashville [illegible] in respect to the memorial presented by Mr. Austin beg leave to state

1st Although members of the Session of said [illegible] we knew nothing of that memorial till [illegible] of its having presented to the Presbytery of [illegible] at its session at Gallatin in [illegible] last

2nd That while Mr. Austin was a [illegible]

[illegible]

Elders { C. W. Backus

St Paul Minnesota
April 1st 1869

I hereby certify that understanding ~~that~~ an attempt would be made by some members of the Pres of S Minn at ~~his~~ its Session in Dec 1867 to have the relation between Rev G Ainslie & the Pres Ch at Rochester dissolved, I went to Mr Ainslie in private, and ~~his sta~~ his statement to me of his intention to resign in January was reported by me to some members of Presbytery. And I have good reason to believe stayed all further proceedings in the matter

S L Lyon

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Whereas the Rev Geo Christie in his remarks both before the Congregation and the presbytery seemed to labor under the impression, & to seek to leave the same impression with others, that his colleague had brought about the causes ~~that~~ which rendered his resignation necessary

Therefore it becomes the duty of the Session, at this their first meeting since those events, to officially state their belief, that Mr Jackson had nothing to do with producing those causes whatever — that the causes which rendered a seperation desirable had been growing for 2 or 3 years & would have existed with equal force if Mr Jackson had not been connected with the Church. S

Rochester Minnesota
April 1st 1869

We the undersigned acting as Ushers in the Presbyterian Church of Rochester Minnesota during the years 1866 & 67 testify that during those years, many of the members of the Church & Congregation were accustomed to absent themselves from the Church upon the Sabbath Mr Ainslie preached; some inquiring at the door & learning that he was to preach, left for other Churches

J. P. Watson,
C W Baldwin

1869.

Mission House, 907 Arch St
Philada April 1, 1869

Rev S. Jackson
Rochester, Minn.

Dear Sir — In answer to your letter to me of 24th ult. I take pleasure in furnishing you the following:—

The Board appropriated to Rev R H Cunningham $150
" " E Savage 250
" " G. Anisli 300. ($150 for 6m)
" " J G. Patterson 300
" " A L Thomson 300.

Messrs Cunningham & Savage have returned their commissions. Mr Thomson was paid to August 15, 1868, when his commission expired. An application for his reappointment has been before the Committee, ~~for his~~ to date from December 1868; and he has been written to, to inform the Board why no collection was taken up in his churches, last ~~fiscal~~ year for the Board — to which he has made no answer.

The custom of the Board is, to withhold the names of persons furnishing information — and particularly when the communications are published — This will prevent my complying with the request in the latter part of your letter. If it were otherwise, I would be happy to oblige.

Very truly Yours
D. D. Pond Secy

Kind regards from Frank.

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Winona - April 2nd 1869

My Dear Bro.

I wrote you a note last Monday but have heard nothing from it -- Will you be down here soon? or will you be at home next Monday - I may run up but may not be able to stay. meet me at the Cars - We can talk for 20 minutes between the trains - but perhaps you will be down - please let me know by tomorrows (Saturdays) mail - If I do not hear I will not be up - at any rate something may prevent -

all well - Yours Love -

Your in the Gospel

Jos. M. McNulty.

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St. Paul, Ap. 7. '69.

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My Dear Sir -

I have to-day received your favor of the 5th inst., & thank you for the trouble you have taken in furnishing me the list of names. Since I last met Mr. Lyon, Mr. Mason has sent me the roll complete, so that I shall not require your kind agency in the matter any further.

Your visit was extremely welcome to my people. It yielded some

fruit at the time, & will be likely to yield more hereafter.

Thanking you for your friendly inquiries about my health, which, by God's blessing, is greatly improved, I remain, very truly,

Your friend & brother,

H. H. Boardman

Stellar!

Sheldon Jackson.

Lansing Iowa
April 14th 1864

Bro Jackson

I thank you for your kind words of sympathy. It has been a sore bereavement to me. Our ministry for ten years has been as it were a joint-service. Many sweet ties bound us together. He was <u>much</u> to me, and I valued the power of his spiritual life in its prevailing influence over me. His sickness was of brief duration. Though for several weeks he had not been well. On Saturday afternoon, with a haggard look and feeble steps, he went down and attended a Bible reading of the Cedar Rapids ministers; At midnight of Thursday he breathed his last. Alarming symptoms were developed late, so that the telegraph to me only preceded his death by a dozen hours, and I reached Cedar Rapids S

by the utmost expedition, forty eight hours afterwards. Mrs Nottingham's brother Robt was the only other relative with me. We buried the remains of our dear sainted brother in the beautiful cemetery adjoining the town. Margaret broke up house keeping, and has now moved to Rochester N.Y. (Care of J. T. Cochrane Esq.). The people were warmly attached to John, and showed great kindness to him and to the family afterwards. His last moments were full of most glorious triumph. He was sustained in all the suffering by an unseen and almighty hand. God has taken him to himself. Let us rejoice with him, for he rejoices now in a sinless world - a world where sorrow never comes. In that we also may be ready for the Calling of the Master!

Our Presbytery cannot be called together now by the 25th We shall regret not seeing you. Elder "Elder" until lately of Cedar Rapids, whom especial friend, now resides at Council Bluffs.

Chloe and family are quite well, and send regards.

We are all rapidly hastening to the grave. You and I will soon be numbered among the dead. Shall we not live the more for Christ than we have done heretofore? Let us consecrate ourselves afresh to him, who hath redeemed us with the shedding of his own precious blood.

Yours truly

James Nottingham

Austin, Minn.,
April 15. 1869.

Rev. J. Jackson,
Dear Bro:—

Got receipt and check all right. Thank you.

We'll do anything for you in my power that is right.

Go to Albert Lea tomorrow, would not be doing anything for you. The stage will be half the night in getting over there. The road is somewhat. If you wanted me to go and moderate a meeting to make a call for you, I would go on foot, if necessary, and swim the sloughs. But, as it is, I don't believe I'll go. People will gather at my church Sabbath morning, & go away scolding, if I leave

Great meeting all, especially those in the country. Possibly Gen. Oldhatt will stay and preach for me, for the sake of having his case passed upon. If so I will go and notwithstanding.

Observe the Sabbath.

"*I have ever found* (writes Chief Justice Hale,) that a due observance of Sunday has ever joined to it a blessing upon the rest of the time; and the week that has so begun has been blessed and prosperous to me. And on the other hand, when I have been negligent of the duties of this day, the rest of the week has been unsuccessful and unhappy to my own secular employments, so that I could easily make an estimate of my successes of the week following, by the manner of my passing this day; and I do not write this lightly, but by long and sound experience."

God will signally honor the proper observance of this day, and will as signally frown upon its desecration.

Self-interest, then, if no higher motive, should secure the Sabbath against any diversion, by us, from the sacred purpose to which God has devoted it.

CIRCULAR ISSUED BY THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Austin, Minn., January, 1868.

Young Brother (Colportuer) Old Methodist in Florida

What was the Centennial meeting for? Mrs. Oldhatt heard something about a meeting of ministers there; but not thought anything about the object, & presuming it were important I should have been informed, I did not go.

Yours very truly, pro. J. Mayhew

Mayhew

Lake City Minn 162
Thursday P.M.
Apl. 15th 69

Dear Bro. Jackson

I give it
up. I leave this church &
start on Monday for the East,
leaving my family here for
a short time. I have leave
of absence for a short time
some 3 or 4 weeks. I shall
probably not be at Presby.
in the Summer. Please to
ask Presby to dissolve
the relation from the Middle
of May. Somebody will
probably be there from this
church. I believe I have
done my best there. The Lord
judge between me & the Church

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I wd. say more but forbear.
I wonder if you could not
preach for me here on
the 25th. If you can write
you not telegraph me on
Saturday at my expense.
The Lake will be then
then no doubt. I have
a supply for the 1st Sab.
of May. I return the
books I borrowed of you
by the stage man —
Have read the Hist. Presbyn.
Ch. in Ireland with the deepest
interest — How very sad &
admonitory the death of
Bro. Frothingham —
We are all pretty well, but not
very — Kindest love to you & yrs.
from all. Am sorry to have
murdered one of yr. Churches
Yrs. ever L. A. Armin

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Perhaps I ought to
tell you that men seeking
work there generally
[illegible] work which I think
is the arrangement
I shall do.
Poor Wallace seems
perfectly [illegible]
[illegible] I must have
if the County was
healthy must have
allowed the Scotch
[illegible] to go over to the
[illegible] School. It would
[illegible] have made a
[illegible] in Boston.
I hope that a good
[illegible] can be obtained
[illegible] by our plan
for the best [illegible]
[illegible] I shall [illegible] that
[illegible] for the best.

I have written a long
letter to Hunt and
[illegible] which will be off
[illegible] as the only
[illegible] before which
[illegible] if [illegible] would
be by the [illegible]
Of course you have
[illegible] the case has been
[illegible]
A letter from [illegible]
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[illegible] "
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Kilo

Yours
Yours truly

Rushford Minn
April 16th 1869

Dear Bro Jackson

I have been hoping to hear from you for some time. Not knowing whether I shall have the pleasure of seeing you soon I have concluded to write again & give you the latest from Rushford, Houston County.

When I wrote to you last I may have mentioned that there was a good prospect for me to preach half the time at Lanesboro during the Summer.

I have since learned that the Lanesboro people have secured the services of a minister from the East - Rev. Haskell, So there is no further prospect for me in that direction I have s

been thinking seriously in regard to my duty of returning to this field. In many ways I have been getting along well. In some respects the newness of the field has helped me, especially among "friends in the East."

I have my doubts about my fitness for the Houston field. I have done some rough work there during the last winter & there is very little to show for it. I still hope to get the church building enclosed before Feb. 25th ins, but it is extremely hard to get any thing done. I have been down several times & have at last I think got the wall started.

I cannot at present leave home as Mrs C. is sick - threatened with fever & I cannot leave her.

The prospects for living on this field ~~are~~ during the coming year is so poor that I am led to plead to ask your advice about joining you in that raid you intend to make on the strong holds of Satan in Northern Iowa concerning which we have all been "cautioned".

Do you know of any place on the Rail Road (I prefer a Rail Road point so that I shall have a chance to get away easily) where they would support a man & one wife & give them a house to live in?

Now I hope you will not consider me a troublesome "brat of a missionary" for I do not desire to be such. But it is my duty to make a plain statement of the condition of the field here.

Father Lyon had good reasons for promising me $400 from the churches of Rushford & Houston & another $400 from the Board or some other source.

of course I cannot & do not reflect upon him for the non fulfillment of this promise.

But the amount rec^d from all sources, in salary & donations of all kinds does not exceed $700.

I have rec^d from Rushford in salary $130 & from Houston $44.

I have no reason to look for any more before the first of July.

If I return to this field the people here (Rushford) will promise $200 for next year. I cannot say what the people of Houston will do or whether they wish me to return. I am inclined to think they have no great desire for me to come back.

If I return there is no place for me to live unless I build a house or buy one & I have no money to invest in that.

There are several things I might do. I might look about for another field when I am East but I would rather be in the West. I might

find a more suitable field in the West — where support would be better. Or if supported I could be induced to remain here & continue to work "independent of the Board & under the direction of the Synod of Philadelphia" providing the "Committee & Dr. Murray" agree to repair themselves & not publish any more "Cautions" concerning Southern Men.

If you can direct me in any way to a decision of this great question you will oblige very greatly

Your Bro in Christ

R H Cunningham

Albany, N.Y.
April 12th 1869

Dear Bro. Jackson,

Yours has just come to hand, and I reply at once. I was about writing to you as I had inferred from your silence that probably Bro. Lyon's commission had been extended to May. We, however, have waited, and have in treasury $75. to be appropriated to him. I will see that this, and more if possible, is sent to him at once.

Accept my thanks for your interesting letter to the Sund. Schl. It has the right ring, & I doubt not will delight the children. My little girl of eight years, born in Wisconsin

listened to it with great in-
terest and pleasure.

Would Bro. Zow give my
people a good report of his op-
erations on some Salvation
night. such as would stim-
ulate their missionary zeal?
If you think he would, I will
give him the opportunity.

I hope to see him to or from
Gen. Assembly.

In haste
Grat. Yours in Jesus,
Geo. C. Heckman.

Jackson Miss. May 2nd 1867

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I met Br. [illegible] & Fairmont on Saturday, &c. at Canton, & they both endorsed the proposition to them for keeping up. I don't know what the Bro. intends to have done. My son who has been suffering that point, has become convalescent & in a few days comes home. Stands he and I have been negotiating his ministerial status. Bro. Winter & Fairmont will not be for us. Albert Lea "Pa." 21st. Means Br. Pastors dismissed is something I am guessing on my mind. Ask the practicability of

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to stay? I am getting very short. It would be some time if Mr. Lowe is pleased to send me some, to put myself "into a rectangular position" with the world. I am to board at the hotel & pay $4, per week.

The Methodists have acted very meanly in regard to S.S. in town & as we did not feel like paying our share for Christmas, I told Bro. Christmas that, as the promise was made enough, I should expect him to get out & use the means at my command in the Country. I shall do what I can for a library. I shall try elsewhere in another neighborhood soon.

In one of your letters you ask how our library will reach Seymour. Send by express to Minneapolis City, or direct to Mulcunt Office from Martin Co. Minn. via Minneapolis City (W. A. Seymour) Anything coming to me by express should be directed to me at Jackson Fare of Jackson Stage Line via Blue Earth City.

Last Feb. was our communion season. We used your beautiful gift for the first time. Our people are highly pleased with it, & again in their behalf I wish to thank Mrs Jackson & yourself our heartfelt gratitude for such a substantial & beautiful token of your Christian feelings for us. May God richly remember you.

We are all

delivering of two members in profession Mrs Mentat Mrs Patrick & Mr Andrew Muir. Both heads of families Mrs M. is in reality the head of her house, tho' not in a sense disparaging to her husband for he is an unfortunate cripple (paralytic) & spiritually in a wretched condition. I trust that they will soon be enabled to lead their families to the Saviour.

Pray for me & Mr Carmichael dear Bro. & believe me ever most kind regards to Mrs Jackson sincerely yours bro. in Christ

Ed. Savage

Now about the loan Mr Carmichael wants it the 3d gin office. how can you get the funds for me

Albert-Lea Minn
May 27. 1869.

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Mr. [illegible]

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[illegible]

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[illegible] It will not need [illegible]

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photos to do I think, however, our boys are coming
Dick Black Sidcott House and other boys are large
photos you will be interested and will like.

The weather is wonderfully fine, Pentecost is very
painful, however we bathing, swimming, tennis play
Mr. Potter has just been to Constantinople & Egypt &
found the money funds, cant pay his bills.
They need it, perhaps you to write you should be
over time to send to Jove and family

Fraternally Yours.

Donald Potter

Jackson June 2nd 1869

Dear Br. Jackson:

I reached home safely on Saturday evening and find Saturday (Sunday) & Monday occupied in consequence with school matters to attend to which divides the fact that I was an excluded child. I do not think that we can be justified in attempting an organization this year. The Independent Order of Good Templars has a form and ritual. We have been as far as I could learn through going organization. [illegible]

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ster to Presbyterianism. As
to Dr Chase, I am quite fully
persuaded that, tho' he did
for a time belong to a Presby-
terian Church (N.S.) at Ed-
ning, Mich. he would not
make a good pillar in
a Presbyterian Church.
He I believe is a good man
but his ideas are far
more latitudinarian than the
strongest Methodist
preacher. He is Arminian
in his views of Predestination
strongly rebellious to the Moral
Influence theory of Atone-
ment, besides he has a
very dangerous view of
the divine authority of
the scriptures. Yet perhaps
Mr Hamilton is by far
the soundest man for
a pillar for a Church
& he is a strong Congregationalist.

I think that, under
the present circumstances,
it would be very wrong
for us to try to convert
them. I shall manage
go over there when we
can consistently
preach for them, tho' it
have the will be filled
a Methodist preach-
ing every Sabbath.
I did not see the
Editor but heard
that he was about
to remove to Grand City.

I have not been very
well since I came
back but hope to be
able to keep along
with my duties this
afternoon.

Remember me

J M McDonald
Marengo
Ill

kindly by Mrs Jacks
& all the little folks
& believe me Ever
Sincerely Yours, in the
Master's service
C A Sayles

[illegible]

Albert Lea Minn
June 12th 1869

Rev S Jackson –

Dear Sir – yours of 5th is at hand – I enclose a copy of the receipt you gave me for $140.00 –

The Mechanics are grumbling a good deal about the money and want their pay –

Please forward soon by express or St Paul –

What has become of the Contract you made with Fuller – no one here knows anything about it –

Please inform us –

Yours Truly

Alex Armstrong

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12 - 8 P. M.. A later time would suit Bro. Abbott rather better; but Dr. Paxton suggests Aug. 12. & we have fixed it so. Hope it will suit you.

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All as well in Austin as we could reasonably expect. We have lost Mr. & Mrs. Johnston - a great loss. They have gone to Iowa.

Mr. & Mrs. Rankin have gone to Minneapolis - no small weight lifted from us.

My health continues better.

Regards to Mrs. J—

Yours in Christian labor.

Horace A. Mayhew.

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Observe the Sabbath.

"*I have ever found* (writes Chief Justice Hale,) that a due observance of Sunday has ever joined to it a blessing upon the rest of my time; and the week that has so begun has been blessed and prosperous to me. And on the other hand, when I have been negligent of the duties of this day, the rest of the week has been unsuccessful and unhappy to my own secular employments, so that I could easily make an estimate of my successes of the week following, by the manner of my passing this day; and I do not write this lightly, but by long and sound experience."

God will signally honor the proper observance of this day, and will as signally frown upon its desecration.

Self-interest, then, if no higher motive, should secure the Sabbath against any diversion, by us, from the sacred purpose to which God has devoted it.

CIRCULAR ISSUED BY THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Austin, Minn., January, 1868.

June 14. 1869.

Rev. S. Jackson.

Dear Bro.:

I have this day notified the brethren that Presbytery would be adjourned till Aug.

Mankato June 14, 1869

Dear Brother

Your letter was received just in the midst of the confusion of my removal to this place and was misplaced and passed out of my mind. I have just come across it in handling my papers. Owing to the care of a sick wife with other necessary engagements in resettling here at home again I can now give the subject of your note but a passing notice. My wife is going down with Paralysis and after repeated strokes is now very helpless and seems to be at the point of death. I removed first to this place in June 1854 — just 15 years ago. At that time Br. M. N. Adams was living where he yet resides, and had gathered a little church at Traverse des Sioux. I was with him at one of his first communions soon after my arrival at Mankato. I found here when I came two families of Presbyterians who had come from Ohio to this place the year previous. A daughter of one of these

families had during the winter of 53 & 54 taught a little school and with the aid of her father and others had kept up a little sabbath school. This useful institution has been kept up without intermission ever since. There are now five or six sabbath schools taught in as many churches in the place. I deferred organizing a church here for a little more than a year owing to the want of a suitable man to act as Elder. In June 1855 I organized a Presbyterian church in this place consisting of seventeen members including four from my own family — The church now numbers about 150 members, and they have a very neat and commodious church building and are free from debt. As other little towns sprung up in the country I visited and preached in them more or less frequently as I had opportunity. In this way I was at the organization of the presbyterian church at Blue Earth City. I preached at Winnebago City, Shelbyville, Bernon, Mankato, Garden City, The Agency, and other points as I had opportunity until 1862 when the Country was thrown into great commotion by the Indian outbreak. At that time my sons went into the Army and my two daughters both having Married and left us alone and my wife's health failing I gave up my charge and went with my wife, for the sake of her health, to sojourn for a time with our Married daughters. I have, as before stated, just returned home to Mankato again but not with the intention of taking charge of the church here, or elsewhere, but to take care of our home property which by renting was very much in need of looking after; and I hope still to bring forth some fruit even in Old age in the way of preaching occasionally, as I may have opportunity and try to aid in the distribution of religious Papers & good books

I preached for the church in this place yesterday as the pulpit has just become vacant again by the translation of Br Marshal to St-Louis to take charge of an important Mission Enterprise just entered upon in the western part of that important City. —

If you should be in our place or region give me a call in passing and have a family living in my house with whom we are boarding, but we shall be pleased at any time to see and entertain our friends and brethren.

Your affectionate brother in the labours & hopes of the gospel

Jas. Thomson

Rochester 1.4.1 61

1. Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir.

Rev. Wm. R. Powell of Caledonia Minn. has made me an offer for 20 of those seats with backs & 8 seats for Primary Class. I have no idea that you will sell them at his price but maybe he can be persuaded to give more. Our 12 seats Mr Sheldon puts down on his price list at $7.00 published this year. The small seats $3.50. Your list ranges $5.00 & $4.00 for those seats. Mr Powell's offer is $100.00 for 28 seats. I have plenty of time to figure with him if it will be of any use. I see that you have 2 globes quite a number of large maps & a series of charts. Do you wish to sell them & if so what will be your

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prices. also tell me if you know how many seals there are in all & the different kinds. They are so scattered I may have some difficulty in getting them all unless I know. I also find those seals with chains to be considerably marred & notched with knives & think it may be necessary to make some deduction on them. I think I will have no trouble in disposing of the furniture during the season but think an advertisement through the paper would aid me & if you wish me to do so I will insert a small card stating that the furniture is here for sale & whatever you wish to add to it. Hoping to hear from you with full instructions how to act I am

Very Respt. Yours.

Oscar Cobb.

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[illegible] I [illegible] little
[illegible] shall you [illegible]
[illegible] effect [illegible] for [illegible]
[illegible] you [illegible] it by [illegible]
[illegible] mail. I have [illegible]
of course, [illegible] that
you [illegible] made a [illegible] of
[illegible] you [illegible] find that
it [illegible] are [illegible] get to
[illegible] of me. I think that
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[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
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for this page. I may be dis-
appointed —

I have been consi-
derably discouraged in
my building operations
it seems as if my hands
were tied, it is so hard
to get lumber. & then I
have had a note from the
B'd yet — & do not know
how I am coming out
financially — But I must
hasten this rambling
letter as Mr Hunter is
waiting to close the Sion
mail —

I would like to know
what two S.S. libraries
you offered me are to
be had now — If so I
want them as soon as
I can get them. I let
the Methodists have their
one song — the only song
you can drive a ox.

They went to organizing
schools all over & took
our neighborhood which
they didn't think worth
working in — The result
is that our school, tho
small & tho rather not
a fine member in the
neighborhood, is living & thriv-
ing still grown. It has no men
for officers but the ladies
do the work & I intend
not to let them in
prayer, open & close school
by repeating the Lord's prayer
in concert — I send them
papers, & my friends —
I repeat I want
another School in another
district where the Meth-
odists tried to get a

on you, I have failed — I have
been wounded in that dear
[illegible] house. — I can't
do my duty here & attend
to the Certain Sta-
y the Creek Settlements
I hope Mr May have
another "little trot" to
go out then — I may get
close now as Mrs Rhea
is getting impatient —

Let me hear from you
when you can & [illegible]
my [illegible] to the S.S. Lib.
if you have different opinions
had better — Try & [illegible]
He has sent me two packages
of tracts — I send for the Sem-
a few weeks ago & on receipt
of my letter he sent a [illegible]
[illegible] — Charge [illegible]

May the Lord bless you
in your work — & abundantly,

Albert Lea, July 20. 1868.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

We are here at last — came the first day of this month. The church is not yet finished, but will be, I hope, and ready for dedication at the meeting of Presbytery, 12th Aug. The Manse, instead of being finished the first or middle of June, lacks considerable of completion yet. Perhaps if a larger part of the money had been retained, the work might have progressed more rapidly. Last week, after boarding two weeks, we moved in without doors or windows or painting, and now we must be in shavings & dirt & oil for a month or two.

We expect the cars here in 6 or 8 weeks. Our population is already increasing, & will increase more rapidly from this time forward. The prospects of the church are encouraging; especially the prospect for an immense amount of work; but if we do it, the Lord will bless us. This is a very hard, ungodly place. I believe S

I see more drunkenness here than I ever saw in my life before; and profanity, dancing, the circus, & sabbath breaking are the order of the day. But the Lord has a people — I hope much people — here.

I learn from Dr. Paxton that he has sent you money to defray expenses of Supply for this church this year — will you please forward it to me — all of it — and soon. Let me explain. I have been supplying the church since March, at considerable expense in traveling, and have not yet received any thing in return. I do not expect to receive any thing from the church for three months to come. We have just moved, & that, you know, costs something. And more than all, a number of items were either overlooked in the plan of the house, or else Mr. Fuller refuses to make them — things without which the house cannot be lived in at all. For instance, a privy, a well or cistern, eave troughs & spouts, heating arrangements, a wood shed, a wardrobe for the bedroom & hooks for all the closets, the pantry, shelves for library, & perhaps some other matters, as fence, &c. All these I have to pay for, & I have no money. What I have mentioned will cost about three hundred dollars — & besides I must provide for living three months ahead. — You see I make out a strong case. I shall expect to hear from you soon.

May the Lord direct & bless you in your labors.

Yours fraternally,
R. B. Abbott.

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Rushford Minn
July 21st 1869

Dear Bro Jackson

I am back to to Rushford again & ready for work. I have had a safe return for which I feel thankful. Our new house is almost ready for us. We will have a very pleasant place.

I am now ready for any assistance the 2nd ch of Pittsburgh or any other church can do for me. I am inclined to think the suggestion you spoke of would accord with their views. You may therefore, if you have not already done so, propose my name as their Domestic Missionary.

I have not seen any of the brethren since I returned. Col Brayton Sanesboro is dead. This makes

retard the progress of Presbyterianism at that place for a while. The contract for building the new church had been given before his death but the work is suspended for the present. Mrs C. joins me in kind regards to yourself & Mrs Jackson.

Sincerely your Bro in X

R A Cunningham